

Christmas Edition

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Peace, safety, Aloha win top campus 'wish' list

ANDY HOWLETT
Staff Writer

For most people, the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has a Christmas wish: "Peace on earth, goodwill to all mankind," said Don E. Peterson, Church public relations person.

Local people around campus have their Christmas wishes listed in the Daily Universe.

President Rex E. Lee tops the list with three specific wishes for the holidays. "The items on my Christmas list for this year are very modest: the demise of the Somalian warlords, no deaths of students over the holidays and a victory over Kansas," President Lee said.

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BYUSA President Jason Hall had several wishes. "I would wish that we all will take time to reflect on what Christmas is all about. I also hope all the students have somewhere to go (for the holidays) and that they will go home and come back safe."

Coach LaVell Edwards also would like "a victory over Kansas" on Christmas Day and "to have all my children and grandchildren with me."

Admissions counselor Greg Pyper would like to find 500 more spaces for student admissions. "There are lots of things we could wish for, but most of us find we already have what we need," he said. But the Pypers are expecting their fourth child soon and a mini-van would be welcome.

Pam Stokes, a senior majoring in genealogy/history from Great Falls, Mont., is executive director of the United Club Council and a single parent. "After having a wonderful semester, falling in love and getting engaged, my Christmas wish is that my grades would not reflect this!"

From the Romans to medieval times, traditions run deep

MICHAEL BEESON
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This quiz of Christmas traditions has the answers at the bottom of the story.

From which two gospels in the New Testament does the Christmas story come?

(B) Mark
(D) John

Which country is fish traditionally the main course for the Christmas dinner?

(B) New Zealand
(D) England

Which country did the Christmas tree originate?

(B) Germany
(D) Turkey

How many Christmas cards are sent every year in the U.S.?

(B) 1 billion
(D) 5 billion

Where did the Christian bishop St. Nicholas live?

(B) Russia
(D) Asia Minor

Christmas without traditions is meaningless. Mistletoe, holly, food, the Christmas tree, the colors and, of course, Santa Claus. Most people observe these traditions without knowing the reason behind them.

Even before the time of Christ, mistletoe was believed by the British Druids to have miraculous powers. The Romans believed the plant was a symbol of peace.

Wreaths were used by the ancient Romans to decorate their homes as a sign of victory and celebration. Once Christmas was adopted by the Roman Empire, the wreaths symbolized the victory of Christ over death.

Even the colors of Christmas have meaning. Green represents the continuance of life through the winter and eternal life through Christ. The red symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed at His Crucifixion.

Though some use the abbreviation "Xmas" in the place of writing out "Christmas," it too has a tradition. In Greek, X, is the first letter of Christ's name, and Xmas evolved as a holy symbol used by the Greeks to represent the holiday.

Answers: (1) A & C (2) C (3) B (4) C (5) D

Christmas past, present and future

Traditions. More than anything else, Christmas is full of them.

Reading the Christmas story in the Bible on Christmas Eve, caroling to neighbors and friends, and buying gifts in the true spirit of giving top the list of Christmas traditions. These traditions are everlasting.

But things are changing. And with that change comes the demise of old traditions and the creation of new ones.

In keeping with one longtime tradition, The Daily Universe Christmas Edition delivers a nostalgic look at the holiday seasons. We have examined traditions of the past, present and future to paint a picture of the holiday season.

We hope this holiday edition lifts your spirits, provokes nostalgia and gives you some ideas of traditions and holiday activities that can help to make your season bright.

The Daily Universe wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Local toy sales up this Christmas

Video and board games, puzzles, trolls, trains hot items with students

By GREG CHANDLER
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and the Associated Press

BYU students are making video games one of the hottest holiday toys in Utah County this Christmas. Managers at local toy stores said board games, puzzles and dolls are hot items in a year in which toy sales are generally higher than last year's sales.

"The consumer is more relaxed this year," said Bob Eastin, director for the Orem Toys R Us store. "Sales here are up from last Christmas at a double-digit increase."

Eastin said college students are adding to the higher sales with purchases of a new compact disc video game system sold by Sega. The hardware for the system retails at \$299, but the discs are less expensive than conventional video game cartridges.

"The BYU students who come (to Toys R Us)

mostly buy video games. The new Sega system seems to be the most popular with students," Eastin said.

Video games are not the only popular item with students. "The students who come here usually buy party games or strategy games," said Games People Play manager Roy Gappmayer.

"Taboo is doing really well again this year and we're already sold out of Rook cards. Double Talk (a game similar to Taboo) is also doing really well for us," Gappmayer said.

Utah County buyers tend to purchase more educational products than people in other areas, Eastin said. "People in this area buy their younger children a lot of learning and skill games," he said.

"Our customers are primarily married students or shoppers with younger children. Because the per-capita income in the area is

lower, consumers look for more bang for the buck," Eastin said.

That translates into sales of multi-purpose toy products, like board games and puzzles. "People here don't want the trivial toy items," he said.

Demand for model trains is up this year at the Hobby Shop in Orem, salesperson Jeff Pusey said. "For us, L.G.B. big trains are selling great," he said.

For the younger crowd, trolls — the wide-eyed, stumpy dolls with big noses, big ears and colorful hair that stands straight up — are the hot present. "They're neat because some of them are weird, but in a different way, they're cute," said 11-year-old Tarah Foster of Plum, Penn.

Retail sales of trolls and troll paraphernalia could reach about \$700 million this year, toy analysts estimate. They were the top-selling toy in the United States this year, said the trade magazine Playthings.



"Mr. Cougar's Christmas" was one of 380 Christmas trees on display at the Salt Palace during the Festival of Trees last week. This tree was donated in memory of a BYU fan who died in an auto accident last March. (See story on page 9.)

Universe photo by James J. Walker

Classic Legos, Easybake Oven students' favorite childhood toys

By VICTORIA PATTERSON
Universe Staff Writer

BYU students are not children anymore, and almost all have grown out of playing with toys, but many can vividly remember that special gift from Santa Claus that made them ecstatic on Christmas morning.

"I remember receiving my first Six-Million Dollar Man." It focused on my favorite television show and was equipped with great features. All the boys on the block had one," said Paul Eagleston, 24, a senior in communication studies from Phoenix, Ariz.

BYU students were asked to recall their favorite toy Santa left for them under the tree Christmas morning. A popular childhood favorite toy for female students was "Baby Alive."

"My favorite gift as a child was Baby Alive because it ate special food and I could even change her diapers," said Rhonna Mask, 25, a junior art major from Mesa, Ariz.

"I loved Baby Alive because it would entertain me for hours by talking to me and keeping me company," said Shauna Lake, 22, a senior in broadcast journalism from Sacramento, Calif.

Nearly 20 years later, young girls still want Santa to bring them these same dolls.

"I want a doll that talks," said Stephanie Gerber, 3, from Provo. Jessica Whiting, 5, from Orem, said she asked Santa for a doll she can feed and take care of.

Favored toys among the male students were Legos and anything with a remote control.

"When I was 6 years old, I got a set of Legos for Christmas," said Christian Henderson, 22, a junior majoring in economics from Salem, Ore. "They were the best because I could build many different things like Star Wars and spaceships."

"The biggest surprise I got one year was a remote-control airplane and I loved it," said Rob Beardall, 25, a senior in finance from Orange, Calif.

"It was a guy thing to want a remote-control car. I wanted to drive and knew I couldn't — this was the next best thing," said John Willardson, 23, a junior pre-med major from Rialto, Calif.

Today, young boys seem to be asking Santa for the same type of toys. "I want a racetrack with remote-control cars," said Matthew Hansen, 7, of Orem. Josh Hosch, 3, of Provo, said he wants Legos for Christmas or anything related to Batman.

Dirk Linderman, 25, a political science major from San Marino, Calif., said he remembers his favorite Christmas toy being a TCR Racetrack with electric cars that could do jumps and included a police car that chased the other cars.

Another popular toy female students remember adoring as children was the Easybake Oven.

"I would play with my Easybake Oven so often that my mother had to restrict me from using it," said Jenny Olsen, 19, a sophomore in advertising from Mesa, Ariz.

"I got an Easybake Oven for Christmas one year and I loved it so much that I used it for other things like baking Shrinky Dinks," said Kim Holmes, 20, a junior in elementary education from Sandy. "It made me feel mature and responsible."

Michelle Murnan, 22, a senior family science major from St. Louis, Mo., said she has fond memories of her Easybake Oven because she loved mixing the cake mixes and watching them bake.

Even though the times have changed, the basic concept of toys in the eyes of children has surprisingly remained the same.



Universe photo by Scott Niendorf

Erikwerda, 5, from Lindon admires the Legos in the toy display at the BYU Bookstore. Legos and trolls are at the top of many Christmas lists this year.

News Digest

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Provo Council may be violating law

PROVO — Provo Municipal Council members acknowledge discussing city business outside of formal meetings, but insist they were unaware the practice may violate the state's Open and Public Meetings Act.

Council members Shari Holweg, Jane Carlile, Dennis Hall, Mark Hathaway and Jim Daley all say they have contacted each other or met with one or two other members to discuss city business.

The five noted their meetings always amounted to less than a quorum, but media rights attorney Kate Lahey said the sessions still could violate the intent of the law.

"What they're trying to do is break up into groups and get a consensus before the meeting so they don't have to discuss things in public and I would say that violates the policy provisions in the open meetings act," she said.

Questions about possible open meetings violations arose Tuesday when council chair Hall said he called members to determine their support for his setting a Dec. 3 deadline for applications to replace outgoing Mayor Joe Jenkins. Hall defended the practice, noting that, "we're careful only three of us are together at a time ... I feel we have been very protective of the sunshine law."

Charges reconsidered in infant death

PROVO — The state medical examiner has ruled that congenital brain defects and retarded growth contributed to the death of a 3-week-old infant whose homeless parents face manslaughter charges.

The ruling Wednesday had Utah County prosecutors considering whether to go ahead with the case against Robert Gene Herron, 33, and Iris Marie Herron, 21, who are charged with recklessly causing the death of Bobby Herron.

The Herrons were undergoing mental evaluations at the Utah State Hospital as part of the case, which ignited a debate over the state's role in protecting children. The final autopsy report said the infant died from pneumonia and that birth defects hindered his ability to fight the illness. Prosecutors alleged the Herrons ignored instructions from doctors and social workers in caring for the infant.

Yeltsin proposes power referendum

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin declared Thursday he could no longer work with Russia's hard-line lawmakers and proposed a nationwide referendum to decide whether he or Congress should run the nation.

Frustrated by the rejection of his reformist prime minister a day earlier by the Congress of People's Deputies, Yeltsin accused legislators of trying to lead "a creeping coup" and send the country "on the road to nowhere."

In a campaign to bypass the Congress and appeal directly to the people, Yeltsin proposed a Jan. 24 referendum on whether there should be new presidential or parliamentary elections in the spring.

The Congress shot back by rejecting Yeltsin's action as confrontational, saying any referendum should ask whether early elections should be held for both the president and the Congress, Russia's highest parliamentary body.

Jobless claims decrease in November

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits fell to a three-year low in late November while inflation on the wholesale level remained well under control, the government reported Thursday.




"It's a nice little holiday gift," Robert G. Dederick, an economist at the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, said of the reports.

The Labor Department said first-time applications for unemployment insurance fell from 362,000 to 324,000, during the week ended Nov. 28. It was the lowest since 323,000 claims were filed the week of Sept. 23, 1989. The decline was widespread; 41 states and territories reported decreases, and only 12 recorded increases. A work week shortened by the Thanksgiving holiday may have caused some of the big decline, the government said.

The department said wholesale prices, held to moderate gains this year, actually fell 0.2 percent in November. It was the first decline since the Producer Price Index fell by a similar amount last January.

Both energy and food prices, which had risen in October, were down. Energy costs plunged 1.5 percent, wiping out a 1.4 percent advance a month earlier.

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— Moroni 10:32

This is Jeffrey Humphrey's favorite scripture because "it sums up all that needs to be done for us to return to the presence of God."

Jeffrey is:

- a junior
- from Atlanta, Ga.
- majoring in broadcast journalism



Troops fire at rebel Somalians

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Troops opened fire on a truckload of Somalis who barreled through a French checkpoint Thursday night, killing two and injuring seven in the first bloodshed of the U.S.-led military mission in Somalia.

The shooting came nearly two days after American and French soldiers took control of Somalia's capital to protect food shipments. The two main Somali warlords agreed Thursday to their first meeting since they began fighting two years ago.

The shooting episode foreshadowed the unpredictable situation U.S. troops may face as they deploy in Somalia's interior. On Saturday, Marines are to escort the first land convoy in a month to the strife-torn city of Baidoa, 125 miles to the northwest.

CARE International said Thursday night that its five-member

staff in Baidoa had barricaded themselves inside their compound in anticipation of an armed attack by clansmen. The staff was an American, two Britons and two Australians.

CARE's manager in Mogadishu, Rhodri Wynn-Pope, asked American troops to provide air cover for the town Thursday night.

Army troops from Fort Drum, N.Y., were scheduled to begin arriving over the weekend in Baidoa, then split off and seize three other centers of the starvation zone — Belet Wen, Oddur and Gailassi. Fresh Marines were expected in Mogadishu by Friday.

On Nov. 11, a 34-truck relief convoy to Baidoa was ambushed with heavy casualties. Only one truck made it through. Since then, truck convoys have not ventured out of Mogadishu. Fifty to 60 deaths are reported each day in Baidoa. Regular airlifts have done little for

the hundreds of thousands of people camped around the town because the battling clans and looters have prevented agencies from distributing food and medicine.

Even worse is Bardera, about 50 miles south of Baidoa. Unlike Baidoa, Bardera has neither camps nor sanitation. Heavy seasonal rains have limited food flights into

Bardera's muddy airstrip.

Relief officials reported Thursday that a large convoy of Somali "militants" was spotted headed from the Baidoa area toward the Ethiopian border. Alarmed by the gunfire near the Embassy compound in Mogadishu, Marines on Thursday raided several buildings in pursuit of snipe-

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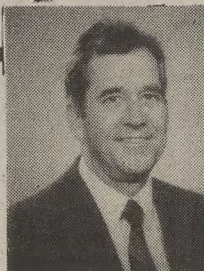
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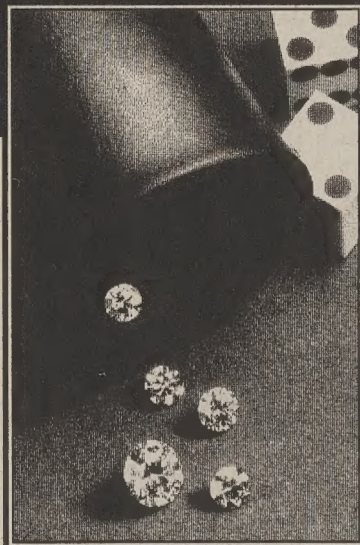
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Santa disillusion may chill trust

IRENE CHEN
Universe Staff Writer

The heartwarming story of Old St. Nick chill trust between children and parents don't discuss revelation of the truth, said Gray, a Utah Valley Regional Medical Center Department of Behavioral Medicine therapist.

Relief in Santa Claus can cause an issue of if kids find out the truth from their parents, and parents don't talk about it with them," Gray said.

Child may feel he or she has been lied to if someone besides a parent tells them Santa does not exist, said Carmen Boutet, a clinical social worker at the Family Counseling Center in Midvale.

It is best to tell the child the whole truth. When the child learns that life has truths and not just fantasy too," Boutet said.

According to European folktales, Saint Nicholas did exist a long time ago, she said.

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—Carmen Boutet, a clinical social worker

"Tell (children) why St. Nicholas is called a saint and why we have traditions," Boutet said. "Tell them their father or maybe some other relative plays this man who did beautiful things for people. It's healthy for a child to know Santa not only gave gifts, but did good deeds. It's a gentle and truthful story."

"Because of our culture and so many who promote the story of Santa, most younger children truly believe he is real," Gray said.

A child may question what is real if they see

people pretending to be Santa Claus, a man who flies through the sky in a sleigh and escapes death, Boutet said.

"Children might also get scared when parents take them to see Santa at the mall or another place," Boutet said.

"I've seen some adults who make a negative issue of Christmas because they feel they were duped as children," Gray said. "They feel Christmas is full of lies. But cases like this are pretty rare."

Santa should be talked about as a symbolic image of the Christmas spirit, he said.

"Telling kids Santa exists is a positive thing if dealt with correctly," he said. "Looking at how most respond, people are more forgiving and generous. This spirit of Christmas facilitates that. The biggest key with the whole Santa Claus issue is how parents process what it is and what it means at the right time."

"Most of the time we just do to our kids what our parents did to us, but times are changing," Boutet said.

Interfaith group rejects anti-LDS film

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Utah chapter of the interfaith organization have announced a film about the teachings of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made by an ex-Mormon says he has no apologies for its polemical approach.

In a joint statement issued Tuesday, Gillian Martin, president of the NCCJ, said the video, "The Godmakers II," "represents the odious scent of unrestrained prejudice."

The film is a sequel to "The Godmakers," released in 1983.

Both films were produced by Ed Decker, an evangelical Christian who heads the Issaquah, Wash.-based Saints Alive in Jesus, an organization bent on discrediting the LDS Church.

The NCCJ statement said the film depicts the LDS Church as "an evil empire founded upon sexual exploitation, predatory greed and satanism," and called it an "intemperate polemic."

The statement also criticized the film for drawing on unsubstantiated stories and a "highly subjective" interpretation of the Church.

Decker brushed aside the criticism.

"I recognize it's polemic. That's

my nature. I don't apologize for it," he said. "But of all the people in the world to chew on my leg, I don't have much respect for the NCCJ. Anything I hear from them, I take with a grain of salt."

Decker said the film, which cost \$100,000 to make, has been in production for five years.

Decker also said the section on satanism was drawn from a memorandum issued by Bishop Glenn Pace.

No one from the NCCJ has asked him for his documentation, he added.

Decker said he has operated Saints Alive for 15 years. He was a member of the Church for 20 years,

but was excommunicated in 1976, a year after he converted to evangelical Christianity.

Since then, he said, he has made four films and published four books on the LDS Church, and also writes about Freemasons.

"I'm not getting rich at it. But it's what I want to do," Decker said.

"The Godmakers," released in 1983, attacked the Mormon church by associating it with teen suicide and satanism. The film also claimed to re-enact sacred Church temple rituals.

It was shown at churches in Utah and six other western states, and was censured by the Arizona chapter of the NCCJ.

Branbury management shapes up' to change image

BRIAN KAGEL
Universe Staff Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — One of BYU's best student apartment complexes, has a new owner that is on "doing a little housecleaning" in the newly acquired complex.

Richard Knapp, a BYU law student, became the owner of the then-bankrupt Branbury Park, Nov. 1. Knapp said he put together a group to buy the complex and then immediately started making the needed changes during the first week of the year.

Knapp said Branbury's general manager, said Branbury is going to change the "rowdy, sleazy place" image it has had in the past. "We think that image is unfortunate and we want to change it up. We think there are good people who would live here if it weren't for that ... I want to attract those people," she said.

Knapp said he is trying to get rid of the drinking, smoking, pets, dirty clothes, boyfriends who stay in and other honor code violations," Knapp said. Foster said Branbury has already evicted 8 tenants, and Knapp said they also have come and notified a "list of 20 people we have told to shape up or get out."

Knapp said renters are another problem Branbury is purging itself of. "Some people haven't been here since July," Foster said. At the point, Branbury was losing \$22,000 a month in delinquent rent.

Foster added, "We know there are going to be tenants that are going to get ticked off. We are not going to put up with that crap anymore. We want tenants here that have the same values that BYU students are expected to have. I feel like a lot of tenants here are people who hurt feelings and some lost tenants might be a price I'm willing to pay ... This is not a cheap issue with me."

Knapp said in an effort to eliminate bad tenants and girlfriends stay-overnight, five or six cars are towed a night during the first part of November. "That is one in one or two cars a night," Foster said.

Knapp said to upgrade the facilities and lessen the effects of the "housecleaning," Branbury will put \$10,000 dollars towards chairs, furniture, and the clubhouse during the next six months.

Countries celebrate Christmas with special traditions

By AULI RAMO
Universe Staff Writer

Whether in the heat of Brazil or in the freezing cold of Finland, families all over the world get together to celebrate Christmas.

Every country has its own traditions to commemorate this season and to bring joy to families.

"We don't get any presents on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day," said Paula Benettoni, a junior majoring in German from Verona, Italy. "We decorate the tree with gingerbread, little red apple ornaments and golden nuts."

—Karin Olendorss, Austrian student

Since Italy is predominantly Catholic, many people attend mass on Christmas Eve. "They go to mass either at 8 or 10 p.m. or at midnight," Benettoni said.

Making gingerbread houses together as a family is a tradition in Becky Woolley's home.

"We usually make quite a few of them before Christmas and deliver one to a needy family and others to friends," Woolley, a second-year graduate student in educational psychology from Calgary, Alberta, said.

In Austria families prepare Christmas tree ornaments out of gingerbread. "We decorate the tree with gingerbread ornaments, little red apple ornaments and golden nuts," said Karin Olendorss, a sophomore majoring in clinical dietetics from Judenburg, Austria.

She said Austrians have a wreath either hanging from the ceiling or on the table. On each Sunday of December, they light one candle until, by Christmas, all four candles are burning.

In Finland, families go to the cemeteries on Christmas Eve to light candles on the graves of family members.

Pasi Vorimo, a first-year gradu-

ate student in business management from Espoo, Finland, said after opening presents, his family goes to the cemetery to light candles. "It looks great when it's all dark and there's a lot of snow and the whole cemetery is lit with candles on each grave," Vorimo said.

Michael Rinelli, a junior in business management from Cachoeira do Sul, Brazil, said after supper, singing and opening presents, his family starts to celebrate on Christmas Eve. "We dance all night. There are dances all over the city," Rinelli said.

Andreas Heuser, a senior in nursing from Aachen, Germany, told of a special Christmas Eve tradition he grew up with.

"We called it 'singing the door open,'" Heuser said. He explained that the door to the living room was locked and all the family would sing in front of the door.

He said it is still a mystery how the door suddenly opened.

Fabien Leon, a senior in advertising management from Mexico City, Mexico, explained that a Mexican Christmas celebration includes star-shaped pinatas filled with fruit and candy. The star symbolizes the star the three wise men followed.

"Santa is not very popular in Mexico, but things are changing," Leon said. "Still, we have a tradition on Jan. 3 when the three wise men come home bringing gifts to children," Leon said.

All around the world, families are together on Christmas Day. Some even continue to celebrate Dec. 26.

Italians continue their Christmas celebration until Dec. 26. Benettoni said, "It's the day of Santo Stefano and nobody works. We usually go and visit relatives that day."

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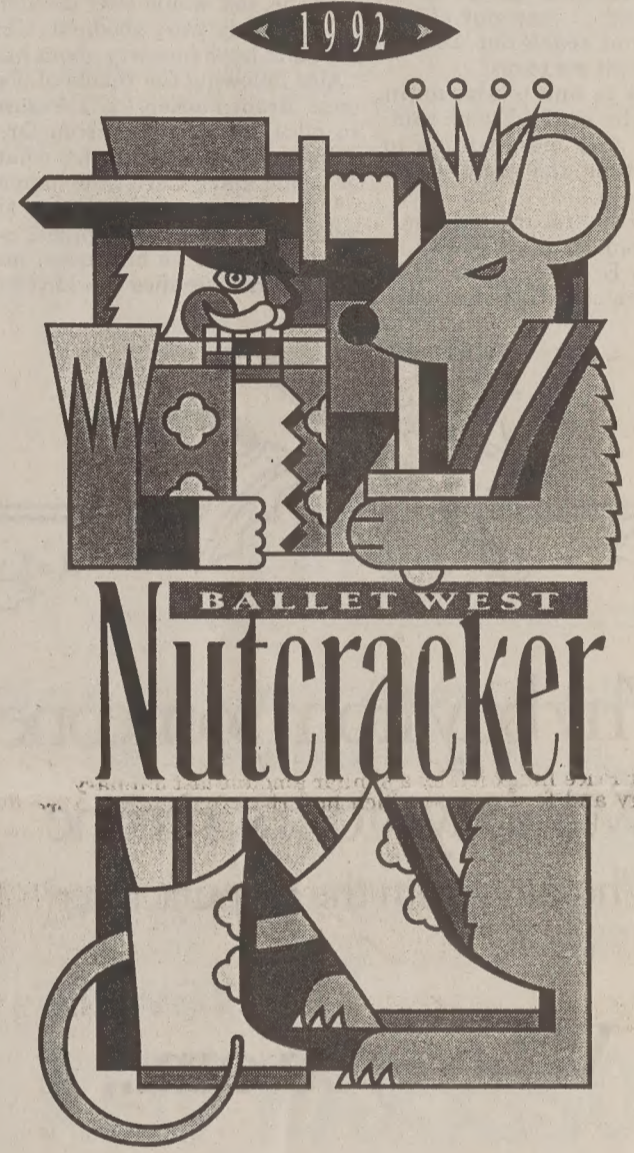
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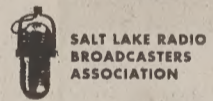
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Gifts to Christ include service

By CHARLIE GIDDLEY
Senior Reporter

We give Johnnie a remote control car, Aunt Maude a scarf, and Santa Claus a plate of cookies, but what could we give Christ at this time of year? After all, it's his birthday we're celebrating.

Several BYU students offered responses to the following question Thursday: "If you could give one gift to Christ for his birthday, what would it be, and why?"

"(I would give) service to others because the only way we can serve Christ or give him a present is through his children," said Kim Reinhart, 19, a sophomore in nursing from Mexico City, Mexico.

Reinhart cited the scripture in Matthew 25:40 that says, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

John Evans, 22, a sophomore in statistics from Nampa, Idaho, shared Reinhart's view.

"I'd probably give him time to do whatever he'd want me to do to help the world ... step out of my own world and reach out and do things he'd want me to do."

Selfishness is one of the main problems of the world, Evans said. "If everyone were more willing to give of their time, the world would be a better place."

"I would give him my talents," said Diana Smith, 20, a junior in nursing from El Paso, Texas. "I've always understood you're not sup-

posed to suppress your talents. Smith said she would probably cook a fine meal for Christ.

Tracie Edwards, 23, a senior in history from Hermiston, Ore., said she would like to offer the gift of sharing the gospel with members of her extended family.

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Edwards said her relatives should have the chance to hear the gospel from her first. "I kind of feel like Christ was a gift," said Brent Knapp, 23, a senior in humanities from Twin Falls, Idaho. "I'd like to be grateful and have a willing heart to do what he has asked me to do."

Likewise, Carl Reed, 24, a senior in electrical engineering from Sanford, Colo., said, "I would give him a more obedient Carl.... I would if I could."

"Christ was born to give us a chance. Hence, our best gift to him would be to use what he has given us," Reed said.

Jill Mortensen, 26, a senior in clinical dietetics from Centerville, said she, too, would offer obedience. "If somebody were obedient, Christ wouldn't have to worry about him."

Also following the theme of obedience, Brent Packer, 22, a freshman in civil engineering from Orem, said he would want to give whatever would make Christ the happiest.

"I have to say the thing that would make him the happiest is for me to do what he has asked me to do ... so his sacrifice wouldn't be in vain."



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Contract selling 'hit or miss'

Bulletin board, housing office in ELWC, newspapers can aid students

By SARAH SHELLEN
and KIRK SCHAUAMANN
Universe Staff Writers

Many BYU students aren't filled with holiday cheer this month; they are too preoccupied with selling their apartment contracts.

"It's a big hassle to sell mid-year," said Ryan Mendenhall, 20, a sophomore from Las Vegas, Nev. with an open major.

Mendenhall, a tenant at Branbury Park, wants to move into a less expensive apartment next semester. Although he averages two to three responses daily from a newspaper advertisement and flyers placed on campus, he still wonders if he'll sell it.

"I do have someone coming over tomorrow to look at the place. This could be the one," he said.

Like many panic-stricken sellers, Mendenhall has resorted to offering incentives to entice prospective buyers. He is offering free December rent and a possible \$50 bonus.

Some apartment complexes have a system to help students sell their contracts. Raintree Apartments has a waiting list for tenants wanting to sell their contracts.

"This year we have a longer waiting list to sell than to buy," said Kim Flake, an office worker at Raintree. "It's been harder to sell this year than other years and I don't know why."

"Students have to fill out a form in the office to be on the waiting list and we also encourage them to go out on their own to sell the contract," said Flake.

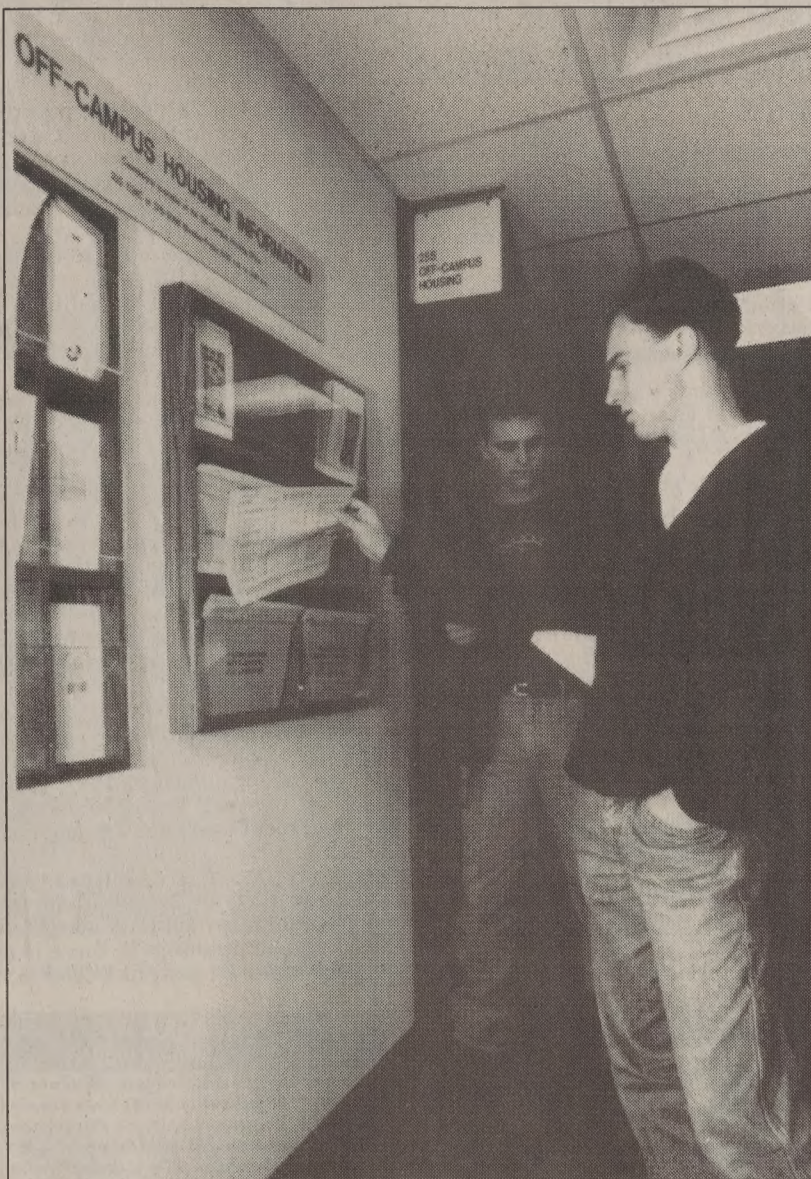
"I've been on the waiting list since the middle of November and I've only moved up two spaces," said Erica Garfield, 20, a travel and tourism major from Seattle, Wash.

She said her chances for selling her contract are slim but hopes the free shuttle pass that is included with her rental agreement will encourage a buyer.

One option for students trying to sell contracts is to go through the BYU off-campus housing office. The office prints a list of all housing vacancies on a daily basis.

"Students selling contracts need to list with our rental listing service. It doesn't cost anything and our listing service is well known by many students," said John Pace, off-campus housing manager.

The list is updated every day, sometimes two to three times a day and can be picked up in the off-



Students check out off-campus housing lists in 255 ELWC. The off-campus housing office and the Wilkinson Center bulletin board are two BYU facilities that can help students sell their contracts.

campus housing office, 255 ELWC. Copies of the list can also be picked up after 5 p.m. and on weekends, Pace said.

"We have noticed that there are a lot of single women listings, more than I've seen in a long time," Pace said.

Mike Glenn, 24, a senior majoring in history from Pocatello, Idaho went to the BYU housing office and listed his contract.

"I think it is 'hit or miss'; you have to catch people at the right time. Ours is listed as a condo at the housing office and not as an apartment, and I think that helped," Glenn said. "It took four days to sell and I didn't cut the price or give incentives — I just let them meet my roommates."

The bulletin board in the ELWC

is another option for students to advertise their contract, but they may find the board itself to be a hassle.

"That thing is such a mess down there," Glenn said. "People put contracts needed right next to a card selling a contract. It's crazy."

Susan Marler, a bookkeeper at Real Estate Management Service, said, "In the last two years the market has really tightened up. We haven't had any problems selling contracts."

REMS has advertised in local daily newspapers and also through the off-campus housing office. "All the apartments that we have advertised with the housing office have never been vacant. We usually have a three-day turnaround," Marler said.

Christmas celebrated at MTC with carols, devotionals, videos and a special feast

By THOMAS McHOES
Universe Staff Writer

For many, Christmas is a time to be with family and friends. For LDS missionaries who will be in the Missionary Training Center for Christmas, the traditional holiday has a different meaning.

"For me, the closeness of the spirit is Christmas," said Elder Cory Meier, 19, from Pasadena, Calif., going to Detroit, Mich. on his mission. Meier said this will be his first Christmas away from home.

Because LDS missionaries are committed to work every day, the MTC will be in operation for Christmas. However, no teachers will be there to work, so it will not be business as usual for the missionaries.

Don LeFevre, director of media relations for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said the

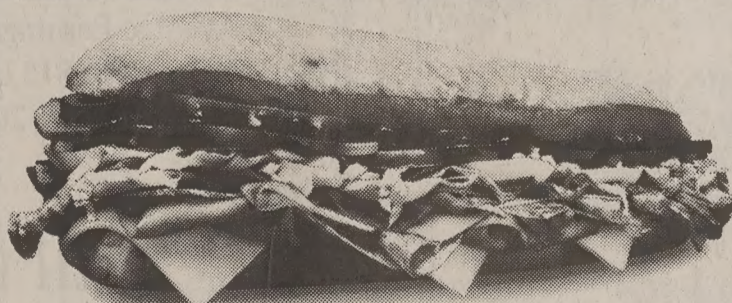
missionaries will attend two special devotionals, watch LDS Church-sponsored Christmas videos, study and receive a special Christmas meal.

LeFevre said Elder James E. Faust and his family will address the missionaries on Christmas Eve.

Then, on Christmas Day, the missionaries will attend two devotionals. President and Sister Charles Wirthlin and his family will speak in the afternoon.

Some missionaries, like Sister Caryn Porter, 21, from Pensacola, Fla., going to San Bernardino, Calif. on her mission, said she and her companions are going to sing Christmas carols and open their gifts after the workday has ended.

LeFevre said the MTC requests no holiday phone calls (except in cases of emergency) and no visits to the missionaries.

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Question of costly bookstore texts answered by study of other colleges

By HILARY HUNT
Special to the Universe

Although some may say knowledge is priceless, many BYU students can tell you exactly how much this semester's knowledge is costing them. Some kinds of knowledge, like calculus knowledge, can cost up to \$76 in the BYU Bookstore.

This question of the price of knowledge probably plagues college students everywhere, but with what seems to be little competition on the BYU campus, the question most BYU students would ask themselves is, "Am I getting a good deal?"

"At this printing, the BYU Bookstore's textbook prices are lower than the national average and lower than all other colleges or universities within the state of Utah," reads a pamphlet about bookstore policies and procedures available in the bookstore.

Maradee Hansen, textbook manager at the BYU Bookstore, confirmed the authenticity of this information printed in the pamphlet. She said the Mountain States College Store Association (a regional division of the National Association of College Stores) did the study on pricing, not BYU.

Mike Foster, assistant manager at the bookstore, explained the pricing policy. He said all new textbooks have a 23 percent profit margin. In other words, the difference between the cost of the book to the bookstore and the retail price the customer pays is exactly 23 percent.

However, Foster said the books that are pre-priced, like many English paperbacks, are sold at a 40 percent profit margin. "Most bookstores

STUDENT OPINIONS OF BYU BOOKSTORE PRICES COMPARED WITH OTHER UTAH AND U.S. SCHOOLS

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9 % said less expensive	29 % said less expensive
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One hundred students were chosen randomly and asked to fill out a questionnaire about their opinions of BYU Bookstore's prices in relation to other schools in Utah and other schools in the U.S.

are well above us in the margin that they take," he said. He said the University of Utah has a 25 percent profit margin, and Snow College's profit margin is even higher than that.

"We do have the largest buyback in America," Foster said. He said most bookstores give only up to 50 percent for buyback. He said the bookstore gives 60 percent of the new price for used books, which is unusual.

However, "listening to someone's stated strategy is not the way to find an answer," said Brian Harward, director of Utah Valley Community College's bookstore and long-time employee in the textbook business. Harward conducts a study of all the college bookstores in Utah every year. He traverses the state of Utah and walks into each bookstore (which he says is more accurate than calling), and then prices four or five textbooks UVCC has in common with every other bookstore in Utah.

Harward said there is really no way to determine a bookstore's profit margin unless you price it yourself, so that is exactly what he was done with BYU.

A general education book, called "Unity and

Diversity of Life" was selected for a price comparison. The retail price at BYU is \$55.85. The publisher's price to the bookstore, released by the publisher, is \$43. This makes a 23 percent markup. The amount returned would be \$33.51, whether the book bought was new or used. Four other colleges were contacted, and here are their prices:

San Francisco State University, in California, sells the book new for \$57.35. The used price is \$43.05. There's a 25 percent markup on this book; if it was sold back, it

would bring \$28.68 if it had been bought new and \$21.52 if it had been bought used. The buyback policy gives 50 percent of the purchase price.

The University of Kansas in Lawrence had identical prices: \$57.35 new, \$43.05 used. However, their buyback policy only gives 25-30 percent, depending on the book's condition.

Johns Hopkins, in Baltimore, Md., has almost identical prices: \$57.35 new and \$43.05 used. An employee in the bookstore said the buyback policy varies and gives "a little bit more than 20 percent."

Kennesaw College in Kennesaw, Ga., sold the same book for \$53.75 new, but said it didn't have any used books so it couldn't give a used price. An employee said the markup there is "25 percent across the board," but \$53.75 only proves to be a 20 percent markup. The buyback policy gives 50-55 percent.

In this small study, 3 out of 4 colleges were more expensive than BYU by at least two percent; and none of them matched BYU's buyback policy. The bookstore pamphlet says there is no competitor because of the 60 percent buyback.

Foreign grads speculate on future plans

By THOMAS McHOES
Universe Staff Writer

Graduating from college in a foreign country and foreign language is a major accomplishment, but deciding what to do after graduation can be a difficult task for BYU's international students.

Thursday, BYU's International Student office honored international students who will be graduating this month at a two-hour luncheon in the International Student room.

Enoc Flores, international student adviser, estimates that 100 international students will graduate this semester, and said there have been about 1,060 graduates over the last three years, not including this semester.

Though Flores said he is happy that there are more students graduating, he is not sure about the success these students are having after graduation. "We just don't know what they do after graduation," he said.

Flores said there are several options an international graduate can explore. "About 70 percent do one year of practical training and the rest are divided between continuing school here, transferring, going home or going to another country," he said.

Gaye Strathearn, 30, from Brisbane, Australia, majoring in ancient Near East studies, said she plans on applying for graduate school at Princeton, Clairemont or Boston Universities, then getting a job "wherever I can." She said, though, that she would prefer to find employment in Australia.

Maria Alonso, 47, a Spanish major from Pontvedra, Spain, finds herself in a different situation. Her daughter is a BYU student, so Alonso said she is looking for a teaching position in the area so she can be with her daughter.

Flores said it is important that students prepare to be world leaders and not just leaders within their own countries.

SAC, BYU police dispute emergency phone response

By SHELLIE FILLMORE
Universe Staff Writer

A Student Advisory Council committee, in coordination with the University Police, tested the on-campus emergency phone system and found that some improvements were needed.

SAC's emergency phone committee head, Trevor Greene, said four male and four female student volunteers clocked the response time from the initial pushing of a button to the dispatcher responding to the call.

According to the emergency phone evaluation report, the average time was 17.73 seconds.

"Part of the problem is the amount of time it takes to get a response," Greene said. "However, another problem is that students aren't educated on how to use the phones."

Dean van Uitert, director of Media Services, said although the test identified phone areas needing attention, the phone system is dependable and SAC's method of testing should have been different.

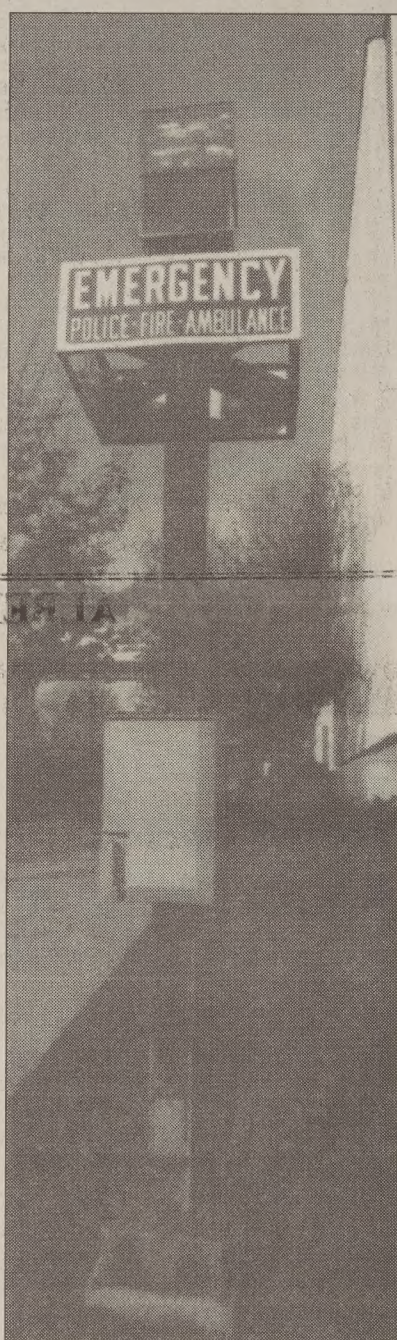
"The present emergency phone system is reliable; phones can be put in remote places and the system reports any problems through a computer every night," van Uitert said.

"The problem with the SAC testing was that three or four people were trying to call the (police) dispatch at the same time," van Uitert said. "The system is originally set up for isolated incidents being reported quickly."

Van Uitert said, "Correctly testing the system means measuring the time from when the system is activated, to when the dispatcher is alerted ... not when the dispatcher answers the call."

"We are grateful for the system we have and know that just by having it there has helped in crime prevention," Greene said.

Greene said he is hopeful the test and recommendations will alert the administration to the needs of the emergency system on campus.



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Working students juggle jobs, finals during last week

BECKY HANSEN
Universe Staff Writer

BYU employers and thousands of university employees who juggle study time, taking and work schedules find the last week of school more hectic than ever. When finals week comes, most students and their department supervisors must be creative in making other arrangements to accommodate normal business hours, said Mary Morrell, manager of BYU student

employment services. Morrell said the university employs more than 8,000 time-card students who can work no more than 20 hours per week. The Harold B. Lee Library, with extended hours during finals, is flexible with work schedules allowing students time off necessary to perform well on final exams, said Cali O'Connell, administrative assistant of the library personnel department. "Many of our operations are behind-the-scenes type of departments that allow super-

visors to adjust student schedules," she said. However, public service departments within the library such as the Copy Center, Learning Resource Center and all reference desks require manning a desk during normal operational hours, O'Connell said. "We definitely have to meet the standard desk schedule for the public's benefit, but we realize students are students," said Don Howard, chair of the general reference desk in the library. He said the normal work schedule is usual-

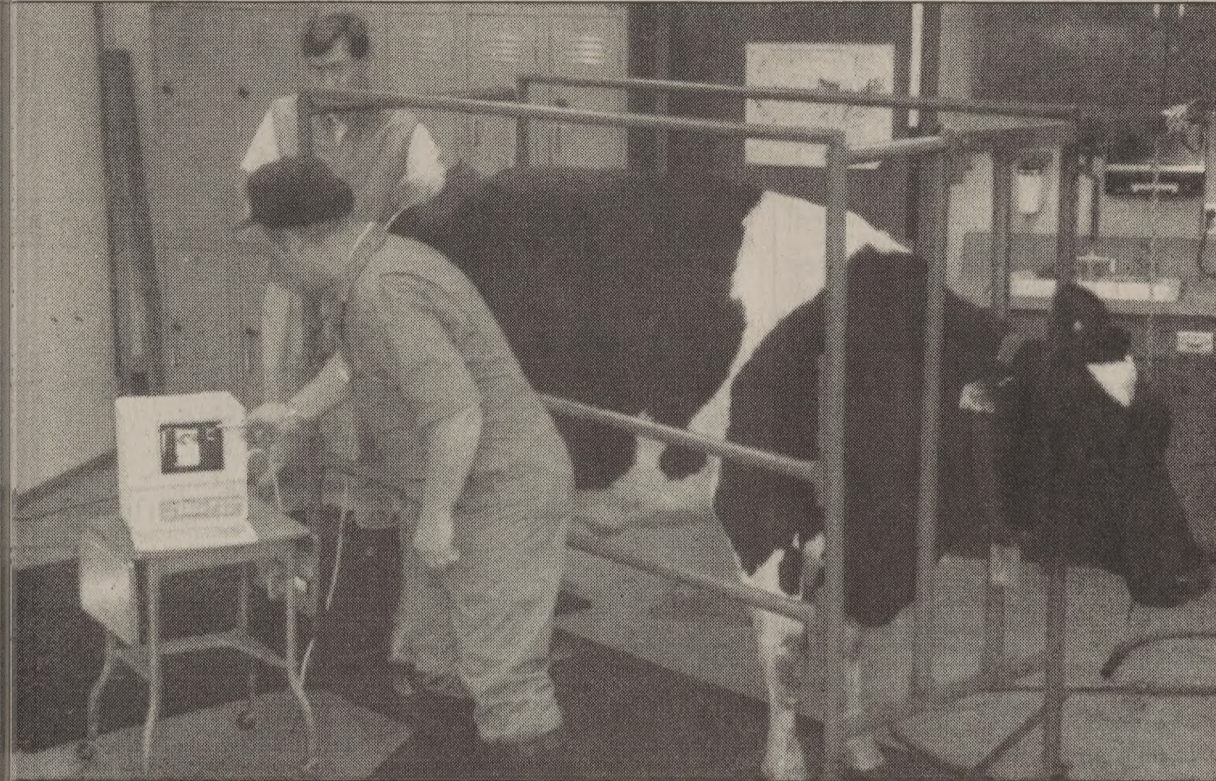
ly abandoned at finals time and students work amongst themselves in filling hours. "Because of the nature of the restaurant business during the holiday season, my hours have almost doubled at the most critical point of the semester," said Genet Orme, 21, a junior majoring in broadcasting from Biggs, Calif. Orme, who works in the Skyroom, said, "Reading days and weekends are usually prime study days for most students, but for us it is more work."

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Higher milk output sought

BYU researchers want to increase cow pregnancy rates

JAMIE LEAVITT
Universe Staff Writer

Researchers at the BYU Farm Dairy are looking for ways to increase pregnancy rates and efficiency of embryo transfer in cows using ultrasound technology. In order to keep milk production at a peak, cows need to calve at 12- to 13-month intervals. But 15 to 20 percent of cows lose their pregnancies during the nine-month gestation period. A majority of the lost pregnancies occur between day 15 and day 30 of the pregnancy, said Dr. Silcox, BYU animal science professor.

It's costly when the cow does not reproduce. It is important to get a cow pregnant when we want her pregnant, to keep the milk production high for economic reasons," said Kerry Powell, a research technician at the BYU farm.

"It's costly when the cow does not reproduce."

—Kerry Powell,
research technician at
the BYU Farm

Researchers look at the follicles on the ovaries of the cow through ultrasound monitors in an effort to learn how the follicles grow and develop.

"A follicle is a structure on the ovary containing a developing ovum," Silcox said.

Gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) is a hormone that may increase the pregnancy rate. Some studies have shown a 10- to 15-percent increase in the pregnancy rate

from GnRH, but other studies have found no improvement.

Through their research, Silcox and Powell have found that GnRH works best when the follicle is in the growth stage. To find this, Silcox plotted the change in follicle size using ultrasound technology on a daily basis. From this research they can determine whether the follicle is growing or regressing.

"We can use the ultrasound to tell if the cow is pregnant. This machine can see the fetus at 27 days. We are able to measure the fetus and can see the heartbeat," said Doug Andrus, operator of the dairy.

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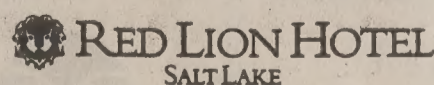
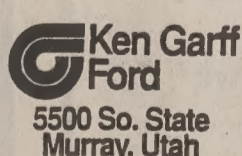
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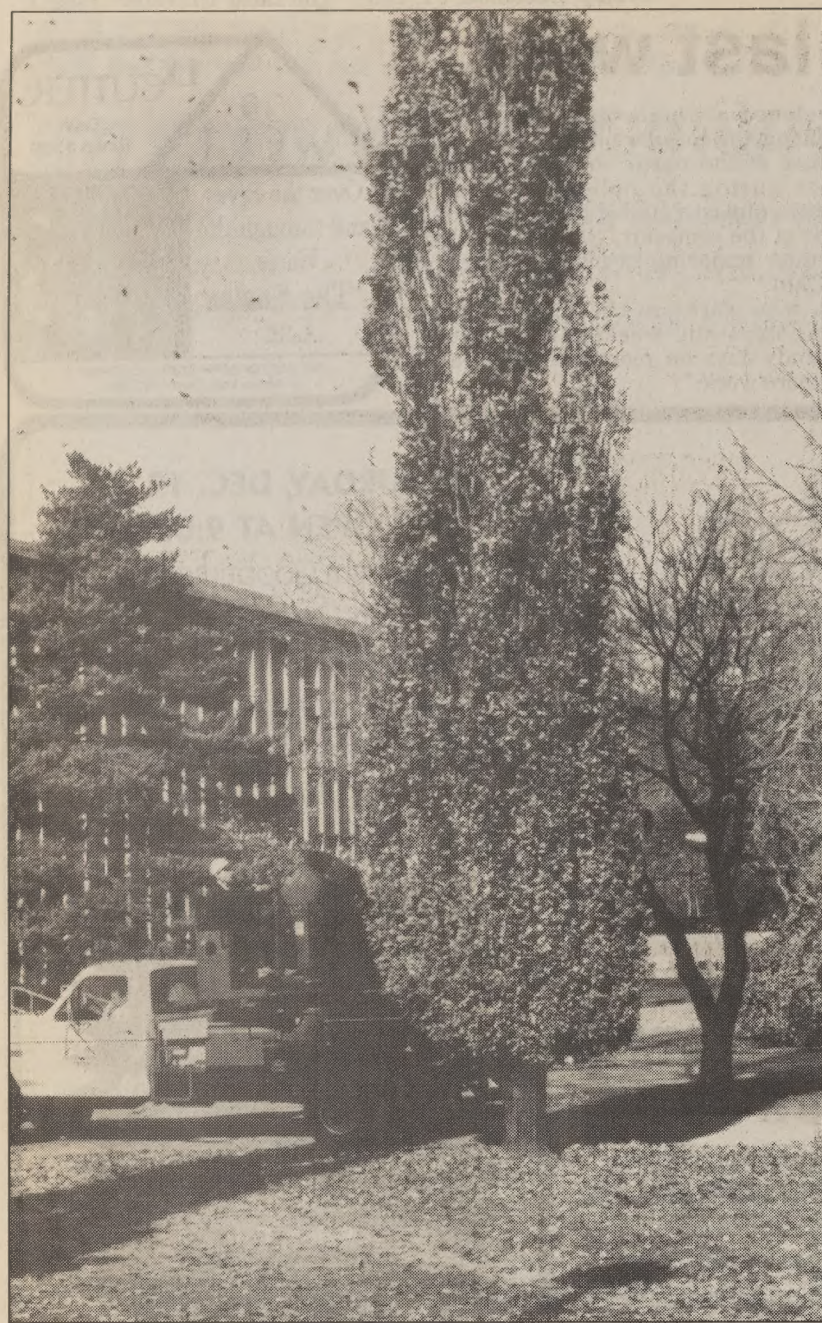


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Wade Robison, 23, a junior majoring in nursing from Jerome, Idaho, blows dead leaves from trees in front of the Jesse Knight Humanities Building. This enables the grounds crew to rake them once instead of three or four times.

Not leaving? HBLL, other buildings stay open

By SUZANNE HOGGE
Universe Staff Writer

While most students will return to their homes, some buildings on campus will continue to remain open during the Christmas break.

The Harold B. Lee Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday during the Christmas break, and closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

"The library is exceptionally peaceful and quiet with very few people," said Don Howard, reference services coordinator at the library.

Special projects such as remodeling usually take place during the Christmas break, he said.

The Earth Science Museum will be open during the Christmas break until Dec. 23 on Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The museum will also host an open house Saturday Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The lab area of the museum, usually not open to the public, will be open during the open house.

The museum will also have a dinosaur exhibit during the open house.

The Varsity Theater will be open until Dec. 19.

Experience critical in finding employment

By JERRY PENNOCK
Special to the Universe

There were 3,384 freshmen attending BYU this fall. Estimations made from past statistics show that an average of 1,218 of these students will eventually graduate and only 487 will work in the field of their major.

"I graduated in advertising from BYU and couldn't find a job," said Michael Ostler of Orem and owner of Michael H. Ostler Wallcoverings. "Because I grew up helping my dad with his trade, which was hanging wallcovering, it was easy for me to start my own wallcovering business," he said.

One of the main reasons students attend college is for the atmosphere.

"My father wanted me to go to a vocational college and graduate in two years instead of four," said Art Billings, 24, a finance major from San Diego, Calif. "But all my friends are up here at BYU and they love the college atmosphere. ... I decided to obtain a college education and enjoy the college life at the same time."

Is a college education enough, or is additional training required to get a job?

Of 20 business owners surveyed in Utah County, 17 require their employees to have experience in their field, besides a bachelor's degree.

"When I was hiring an office manager, I chose the applicant with the most experience. A college degree is a plus, but it wasn't the major reason for hiring the person," said James Binton, an obstetrician at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center.

Keith Vansoest, administrator director at the American Institute

of Medical Dental Technology, said, "The vast majority of new jobs are being created by small businesses, not large corporations. Smaller firms are now interested in hiring entry-level staff who are already equipped with basic skills and training."

In fact, 85 percent of these owners prefer hiring vocationally or technically trained workers rather than non-trained workers, according to the pamphlet.

There are ways of gaining experience while attending college. Marc Marriott, 25, from San Diego, Calif., graduated in April 1992 from BYU with a B.A. in film.

Marriott said, "If I didn't have the experience I gained through the production assistant position while going to college, I wouldn't have the job I have now as the location manager for the movie 'Mountain of the Lord' with the Motion Picture Studio."

With the rising cost of education, the average student graduates \$12,000 in debt. Pell Grants are available, but they only cover the cost of tuition and books.

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Cory Cuvelier, 26, from Hacienda Heights, Calif., graduated in construction management and is working for a pavement company in California.

"I could have attended a local university or a vocational college near my home and only spent \$1,500 a year. But I wanted to experience the BYU atmosphere," Cuvelier said.

"I cherish the time spent in Provo and would do it again even if I were to be \$100,000 in debt."

"When I was hiring an office manager, I chose the applicant with the most experience."

— James Binton, obstetrician at UVRMC

Counseling available for abused

By CHRIS HALES
Universe Staff Writer

Victims of spouse abuse come from varied backgrounds.

"It doesn't matter what religion, race, economic or social background you come from," said Diane Starks, a case worker at Provo's Center for Women and Children in Crisis.

The problem has become large enough that the First Presidency brought it to the attention of all priesthood holders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during the April 1992 General Conference when President Gordon B. Hinckley said spouse abuse of any kind is not tolerated by the Church.

Starks said much of the abuse by male members of the Church is due to a misinterpretation of the scriptures with regards to the man's right to rule.

"The men think the priesthood is something that they are, rather than something they can use," Starks said.

University Police only receives about six calls a year regarding spouse abuse, Captain Mike Harroun said. Most of the cases are not reported to the police, he said.

"It's a drastic step and potentially embarrassing for both parties."

On Nov. 27, University Police responded to a spouse-abuse case at Wymount Terrace, reported by the wife. Captain Michael Harroun said the wife's face was bruised and she had a bloody nose. The husband admitted he had hit her and said, "Here, take me."

This was the second time abuse had been reported by this couple, something Harroun said is common. "We don't deal with it that much on campus," but "often times it involves the same people."

In the specific misdemeanor cases involving shoplifting and domestic violence, the law states that a police officer can arrest the violent spouse and remove the offender from the situation if there are indications of violence.

Craig Orme, assistant director of BYU's Counseling and Development Center, said the center offers free counseling for BYU students suffering from domestic violence and other violent crimes. "We have a full range of services," he said.

Orme said the recent comments from the BYU Coalition for a Women's Resource Center, about

BYU not offering special counseling for eating disorders, sexual assault and others are not true.

"We have had eating-disorder counseling groups for years," Orme said. "We have most of the services they (the students) have asked for; they (the services) are just not identifiable."

The Counseling and Development Center's counselors teach classes and give firesides to better help victims, who have difficulty bringing themselves to seek counseling.

Orme said the center does not yet offer legal services or a shelter, but said the community has adequate facilities for BYU students. The center directs students to these organizations and remains knowledgeable of the services available off-campus.

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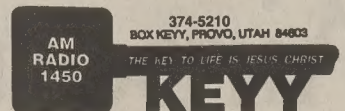
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Festive fundraiser features trees both extravagant and sentimental

By DOLLY DORIUS
Universe Staff Writer

A forest full of Christmas trees were donated to help raise money for patients at the Primary Children's Medical Center, during the Festival of Trees, Dec. 2-5 at the Salt Palace.

One original tree that displayed BYU's true blue spirit was "Mr. Cougar's Christmas." This tree was dedicated to one of BYU's loyal fans who died in an automobile accident March 5.

Linda Warner and Marianne Holtkamp decorated the tree to honor Holtkamp's son Brent.

"Brent loved Cougar sports and went to all of the football games," Holtkamp said.

The tree, decorated with 910 lights, blue and white pompoms, miniature footballs, helmets, BYU pennants and cougars catching football passes, came complete with a tree skirt made into a giant blue football. The tree was topped off with cheerleader angels.

Sitting next to the tree was football equipment donated by BYU football coach LaVell Edwards. A football, which was used in one of this year's games, a jersey, and achievement stickers as seen on players' helmets ornamented the area around the tree.

To make the display complete,

beside the tree was a miniature lighted Y with the BYU cougar sitting on top.

Trudy Thoebold, a hostess at the festival, said the people seemed to especially like the trees that were decorated in memory of people.

"The Penny Tree," covered in pennies, was donated by Rylee Tyme Johansen's family to thank the hospital for helping her dislodge a penny from her throat. She promised to never eat pennies again, only food and cookies.

The festival had 380 donated trees, of which all pledges will go toward the patients at the Primary Children's Medical Center, said Laura Winder, PCMC public relations assistant.

The "Utah Jazz are Playing Our Song" tree, decorated by the Jazz players' wives, sold for the largest amount at \$10,000, Winder said. The tree's ornaments included autographed pictures of all the Jazz players.

For the musically inclined, the "Phantom of the Opera" tree, came with two tickets to "Phantom of the Opera" musical in Los Angeles, Calif. during the Christmas holiday. The tree was decorated with golden notes, a candelabra and a red rose and mask sitting on a black cape at the base of the tree.

Another donated tree, "Every Cloud has a Silver Lining," was

decorated by Vera R. Howes, an 88-year-old woman who spent six months hand tatting snowflakes and icicles for the tree.

"This is the sixth tree I have donated to this worthy cause throughout the years," Howes said. "It has been very enjoyable."



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Music brings peace to mall

By DOLLY DORIUS
Universe Staff Writer

The Crossroads Plaza Shopping Center in Salt Lake has found an effective way of bringing peace and harmony together, through the use of symphonic music.

By playing symphonic music over the public address system, Crossroads Plaza has been able to get rid of loud and boisterous people loitering outside the mall entrances. During the holiday season, Crossroads is using hymns, contemporary and classical Christmas music as a deterrent.

Greg Brown, marketing assistant of Crossroads Plaza, said he got the idea from an article he read in a security magazine.

"Our customers used to feel intimidated having to walk through a group of kids with green and purple hair and black leather-studded jackets," he said.

The music has helped, but it alone doesn't get rid of the problems of young juveniles loitering outside the entrances, smoking and listening to boom boxes, Brown said.

Brown said along with the use of classical music, the mall had planters the youth used to sit on removed, and the mall staff hired full-time police officers to patrol the entrances. Since then, the problem has decreased considerably, he said.

Heather Rutherford, management

department of the Crossroads Plaza Shopping Center said The Muzak Company provides all the music played over the sound system.

Crossroads told The Muzak Company about the problems they were having, and the company changed the music format to Baroque/Romantic during winter 1992, Rutherford said.

Barb Johnson, sales manager of The Muzak Company said they use music as a business.

"We create a business atmosphere that will help solve business problems," Johnson said.

Johnson said The Muzak Company have been providing music for businesses and companies for over 55 years. More than 150 million people listen to Musak daily.

"Our job is to create atmospheres that will appeal to certain demographics," Johnson said. "We knew that classical music probably wouldn't appeal to (a rowdy) crowd, so we suggested (Crossroads) use the classical format of music to change the type of customers they will be appealing to."

Johnson said bus stops and other retailers down the street from the mall have started using Muzak to get rid of problems. She said it has worked great.

Brown said he is very satisfied with the results of using classical music. "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."



Photo courtesy of the Utah Regional Ballet

Utah Regional Ballet dancers perform a number from the all-time Christmas favorite "The Nutcracker." Tchaikovsky's musical ballet is scheduled to be performed with a live orchestra from Dec. 19-23 in the de Jong Concert Hall.

'The Nutcracker' comes to BYU for Christmas

By ISABEL HUELVES
Universe Staff Writer

The Christmas ballet all audiences enjoy is scheduled to come to BYU during Christmas break.

"The Nutcracker" will be presented by the Utah Regional Ballet at the de Jong Concert Hall in the Harris Fine Arts Center Dec. 19 through 23.

This Christmas is "The Nutcracker," said Jacqueline Colledge, artistic director, choreographer and producer for this production of "The Nutcracker."

This year, Tchaikovsky's ballet celebrating its 100th anniversary, said Gina Dunkluy, public relations manager.

The beauty of the performance, enhanced by the costumes of Sarah Price, and scenic design, of Bill Kirkpatrick, has made this ballet the Christmas favorite of children of all ages in the area," Dunkluy said.

The evening ballet performance will be accompanied by a symphony orchestra of BYU students and faculty musicians, said Clyn Barrus, conductor.

"The Nutcracker" is a Christmas favorite because the story is

a Christmas story, Barrus said.

"The Nutcracker" is about a girl who makes a Christmas tree come to life and mice become princesses.

Colledge said more than 100 children throughout the area were selected to perform in this year's performance.

Colledge has been involved in the production of "The Nutcracker" since she was 14, Dunkluy said.

Dunkluy said Colledge made major changes for this year's production. She is restaging the party scene, and she has done new choreography for the Spanish and Russian variations and for the "grand pas de deux."

The only segment remaining the same is the traditional children's march, Dunkluy said.

"Because 'The Nutcracker' is such a Christmas-time delight to many children, special performances are presented for school children, and over 4,000 children will attend," Dunkluy said.

Tickets for this ballet are available at the Music Ticket Office in the main lobby of the Harris Fine Arts Center.

Who would you want Santa to be?

Given their choice of celebrities to play Santa Claus and come sliding down their chimney, here's what people said:

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	Kim Basinger	16 %
	Michelle Pfeiffer	10 %
	Madonna	8 %
	Candice Bergen	7 %
WOMEN:	Mel Gibson	26 %
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Free Provo Tabernacle Christmas concert features German program, sing-along

By MICHAEL BEESON
Universe Staff Writer

When the flood of overzealous out-of-tune family home evening groups come caroling, the annoying television specials fill the television programming and the stores blare desecrated Christmas carols, the Adventssingen is a great idea to feel an original spirit of Christmas.

The free all-German music program, sponsored by the Germanic and Slavic languages department, will present an evening of traditional Christmas music and holiday readings in the Provo Tabernacle Sunday at 6 p.m.

The Adventssingen will celebrate its 17th year with a student choir, a women's choir, a

men's choir and a children's choir.

The students are primarily German students recruited by Michelle Stott, professor of German and conductor of the student choir.

Stott said the program is more than a performance. "On some of the familiar carols, the audience will be invited to sing along," Stott said.

Adventssingen is an event which has been celebrated in Austria and other European nations for hundreds of years.

The Advent season, which is celebrated each of the four Sundays before Christmas, is typically devoted to musical and dramatic performances based on biblical prophecies and stories of the nativity of Christ, said Alan Keele, chair of the Department of Germanic and

Slavic Languages.

According to a BYU news release, Garold and Norma Davis, both BYU faculty members, said they witnessed the glorious Adventssingen while in the beautiful town of Salzburg, Austria in the early 1970's. Ever since then, an organized program has been patterned in Provo after that impressionable event in Salzburg.

Several participants, some of whom are from the Salzburg area, will play traditional folk songs associated with the celebration of Advent on authentic Austrian instruments.

During the evening, the story of the creation of "Silent Night" will be told, short poem, and scriptures will also be read.

Temple Square hosts Christmas concert next week; everyone invited to participate

By LISA GROVER
Universe Staff Writer

Adults and children alike will be able to usher in the holiday season at the Mormon Youth Symphony's annual Christmas Carol Sing-In, Dec. 16.

The performance, which will be in the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City will feature many family Christmas favorites and a chance for everyone to enjoy the holiday spirit.

The symphony, directed by Robert Bowden, is comprised of approximately 90 people between the ages of 18 and 30 who were chosen to participate in the symphony in an auditioning process.

The symphony performs year-round throughout the state of Utah.

Unlike the other Christmas performances the symphony hosts at the Tabernacle, little children are allowed to attend the Sing-In.

"I like the idea that the whole family can participate in this program," Bowden said.

Bowden has directed the symphony for nearly 18 years, and this is the fourth year the symphony has hosted the Sing-In.

Because admission is free and whole families are invited to participate, people should arrive early to get a good seat, said Jenny Pedersen, Mormon Youth Symphony Administrative Assistant.

"Last year, we filled the Tabernacle. I estimate that we had between 4,500 and 5,000 people," Pedersen said.

Pedersen said this event is unique because even small children can enjoy and appreciate the music.

"They (little children) love this program because they know the music. They just get the biggest kick out of it," Pedersen said.

Words to every song, with the exception of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" (the program's finale) are handed out at the door. Families with copies of the "Hallelujah Chorus" are invited to bring their own.

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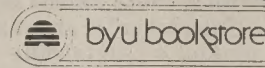
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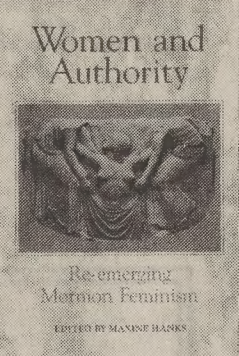
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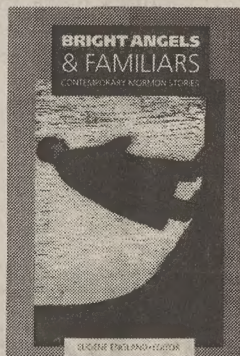
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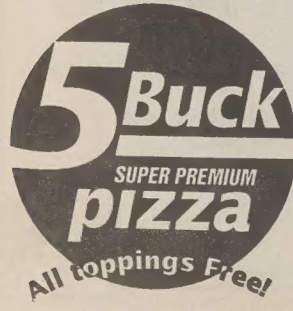
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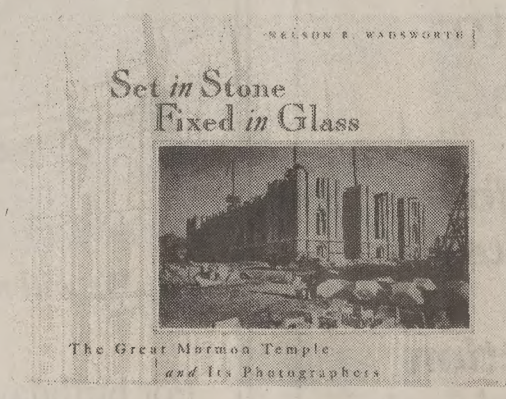
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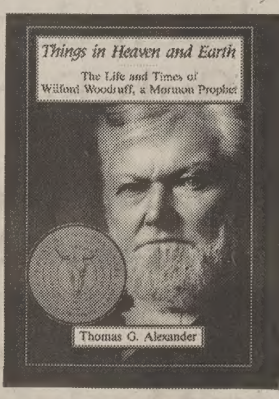
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Russians celebrate Christmas on two different dates

ARISA WHITTAKER
Senior Staff Writer

Russians will be celebrating Christmas twice this holiday season: once in December and once in January.

Russian Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas Jan. 7, said Al Hart, BYU associate professor of Russian. Before the October Revolution of 1917, Christmas in Russia was celebrated Dec. 25, said Slezareva, 26, a resident of Provo. After the revolution, the calendar was changed, and the celebration was moved to Jan. 7, she said. During the communist regime, celebrating Christian holidays was not encouraged, Hart said. Therefore, Russians celebrated the New Year as Christmas traditions.

Before 1917, Christmas was the main holiday, Slezareva said. Following the revolution, the New Year celebration became the main holiday for most people. "I know many people, especially those who were somehow related to foreigners, celebrated Christmas on the 25th of December and also on the 7th of January" during communism, she said.

This year, Slezareva had a New Year's tree, a Santa Claus and

white paper confetti covering the floor as snow. She said her four-year-old son Misha loved running through the snow and was disappointed when it "melted" into the garbage can.

Mike Sorokine, 21, a senior majoring in economics and business from St. Petersburg, Russia, said his family has celebrated the holidays since he was young. His family purchased a New Year's tree and gave each other presents. His parents also hired "Father Frost," the equivalent of Santa Claus, to come to their home and give gifts, he said.

In Sorokine's family, Christmas was celebrated on the two different dates. His mother belonged to the Russian Orthodox Church and his father belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, he said.

Sorokine's family celebrated the Christmas holiday privately, without public expression, he said. As long as one did not celebrate Christmas publicly, there were no problems with the law, he said. During the Stalin years, however, one may have been sent to Siberia for celebrating the holiday. During the '70s or '80s, publicly celebrating Christmas might have cost one his job or her job, he said.

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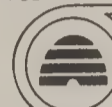
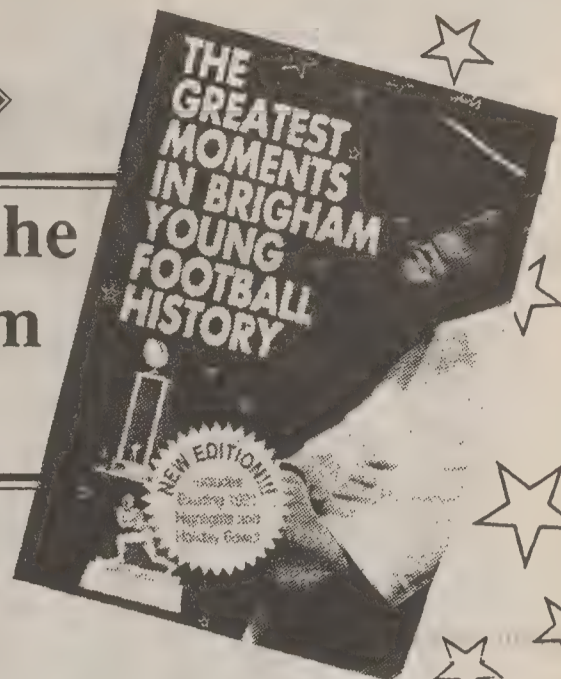
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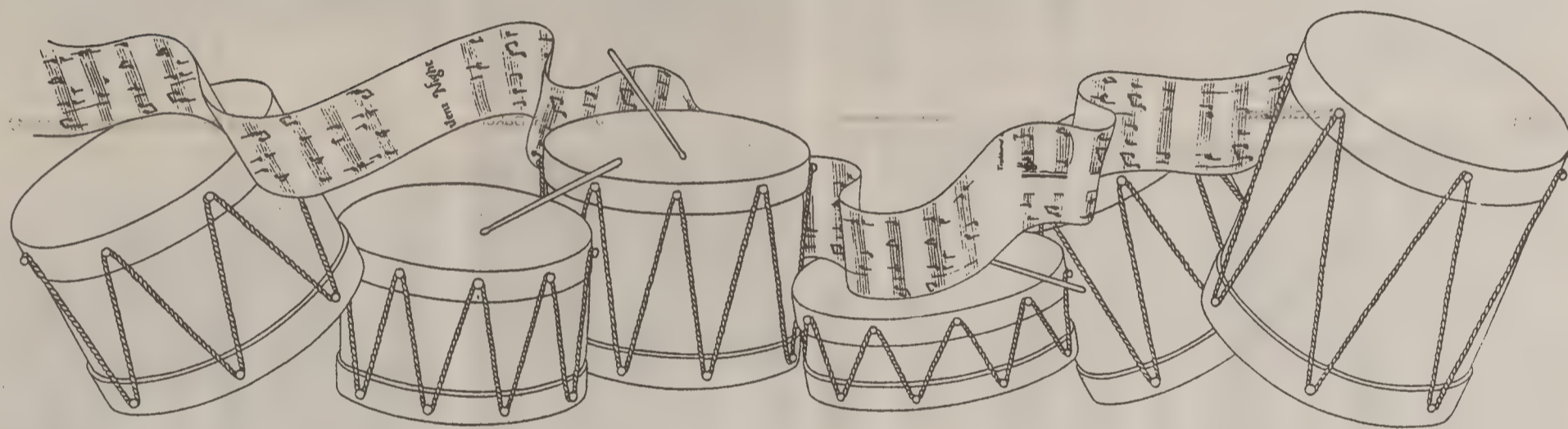
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BYU 74, Oregon St. 60 (Women's Basketball)										
COUGARS (74)	fg	ft	rb	pt	to	pts	min	m-a	o-t	a
Eye	35	5-12	2-3	2-5	3	7	13			
Utley	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	2			
Kidd	34	3-9	6-7	0-4	2	1	4			
Storford	5	2-2	0-0	5-11	0	4	16			
Young	40	14-24	4-7	5-0	0	5	6			
Lloyd	14	4-7	1-2	2-3	2	0	0			
Henry	23	2-4	1-2	0-2	1	3	4			
Kigore	19	1-1	0-0	1-3	0	2	4			
Dimond	33	8-14	4-4	1-2	0	2	20			
TOTALS	200	27-54	18-22	6-30	14	11	27	74		
Percentages: FG—48.1, FT—81.8, 3-Point Goals: 3-12, 25.0, (Eye 1-5, Kidd 0-1, Storford 2-2, Young 0-3, Lloyd 0-1), Team rebounds: 3, Blocked shots: 2 (Dimond).										
BEAVERS (60)										
Smith	17	1-7	0-0	1-2	0	2	2			
Mollerstrom	33	9-17	2-3	0-2	2	3	7			
Kostic	37	4-12	6-8	5-11	0	4	14			
Fleming	29	5-10	0-0	4-10	1	3	10			
Evashevski	29	3-11	2-2	3-5	2	5	8			
Dionne	3	1-5	0-0	1-2	3	3	4			
Ellis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Allen	17	2-6	0-0	2-2	0	2	1			
Green	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1			
TOTALS	200	25-57	10-13	16-33	12	19	27	60		
Percentages: FG—38.6, FT—76.9, 3-Point Goals: 0-4, 0.0 (Smith 0-3, Dionne 0-1), Team rebounds: 1, Blocked shots: 4 (Kostic, Fleming, Dionne), BYU 40, 34—74 Oregon 27, 33—60 Technical fouls: None. A: 401.										

WAC Men's Basketball Standings and Results

WAC	Pct.	Overall
Utah	0.000	4.000
Fresno St.	0.000	3.000
Wyoming	0.000	3.000
Colorado St.	0.000	3.175
BYU	0.000	2.167
New Mexico	0.000	2.167
Air Force	0.000	2.600
UTEP	0.000	2.333
San Diego St.	0.000	1.233
Hawaii	0.000	1.233

THURSDAY'S GAMES:
Drake at Colorado St., late
Westmont, SDSU late

FRIDAY'S GAMES:
Brigham Young in Cougar Classic
(BYU, Santa Clara, Georgia, Southern Utah)
SATURDAY'S GAMES:
Brigham Young in Cougar Classic
Colorado State at Texas Tech
Fresno State at Nevada
New Mexico at New Mexico State
Ablene Christian at UTEP
Utah at Arizona (ESPN)
UNLV at San Diego State
Wyoming at Boise State

Dec. 18 (FRIDAY):
Utah State at Brigham Young
Hawaii in Pre-Holiday Tournament
Hawaii in Pre-Holiday Tournament
South Carolina State
San Diego State in Texaco Star Classic
(SDSU, Texas, Washington State, Azusa Pacific)

Dec. 19 (SATURDAY):
Portland at Air Force
Colorado State at Idaho State
Pacific at Fresno State
Hawaii in Pre-Holiday Tournament
San Diego State in Texaco Star Classic
Sam Houston State at UTEP

Utah 112, Washington 96

BULLETS (96)	fg	ft	rb	pt	to	pts
Gugliotta	33	7-9	2-4	1-7	4	7
Grant	39	8-21	1-2	0-2	1	17
Ellison	31	3-11	5-6	3-8	3	11
Adams	21	3-5	1-1	0-1	4	9
Overton	21	3-5	1-1	0-1	4	9
Chapman	34	14-20	3-3	1-3	2	32
Stewart	10	2-2	0-0	0-2	0	4
Smith	9	2-2	0-0	0-2	0	5
Price	3	1-3	0-0	1-3	0	2
MacLean	4	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	2
TOTALS	240	58-117	15-17	8-29	27	112
Percentages: FG—49.6, FT—88.2, 3-Point Goals: 3-10, 30.0 (Gugliotta 1-4, Adams 1-3, Chapman 1-3), Team rebounds: 7, Blocked shots: 6 (Ellison, Stewart).						

JAZZ (112)

Benoit	fg	ft	rb	pt	to	pts
Benoit	33	7-9	2-4	1-7	4	7
K. Malone	32	14-24	5-9	3-9	3	33
Brown	19	2-7	0-0	2-6	1	4
Stockton	35	6-12	2-3	0-3	19	0
Corbin	38	6-17	2-3	7-13	3	17
Humphries	24	2-6	0-0	1-2	3	4
Kryskowak	29	8-10	0-0	1-3	4	16
Eaton	12	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	2
Croft	10	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	0
Howard	4	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0
Austin	4	1-4	0-0	3-4	0	2
TOTALS	240	48-94	11-19	18-40	33	112
Percentages: FG—51.1, FT—57.9, 3-Point Goals: 5-8, 62.5 (Benoit 2-2, Stockton 3-4, Humphries 0-1, Croft 0-1), Team rebounds: 11, Blocked shots: 4 (Corbin, K. Malone, Kryskowak), Washington 27, 38, 23, 24—112 Utah 33, 31, 24, 25—112 Technical fouls: Washington 1 (Adams), Utah 1 (C. Malone), Bob Delaney, Ken Meyer, Joe Fong.						

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Position	Player	School
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RB	Garrison Hearst	Georgia
RB	Glyn Milburn	Stanford
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WR	O.J. McDuffie	Penn St.
C	Mike Compton	W. Virginia
G	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame
G	Will Shields	Nebraska
T	Lincoln Kennedy	Washington
T	Everett Lindsay	Mississippi
K	Joe Allison	Memphis St.
DE	Eric Curry	Alabama
DE	John Copeland	Alabama
DL	Ron Waldrop	Arizona
DL	Chris Slade	Virginia
LB	Marvin Jones	Florida St.
LB	Michael Barrow	Miami
LB	Marcus Buckley	Texas A&M
DB	Ryan McNeil	Miami
DB	Carlon McDonald	Air Force
DB	Deon Figures	Colorado
DB	Carlon Gray	UCLA
P	Sean Snyder	Kansas St.

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No. 7 BYU faces off against No. 11 USC

By JENNY SIDDOWAY
Universe Sports Writer

In a rematch of last year's first-round NCAA women's volleyball tournament, seventh-ranked BYU meets No. 11 USC in the West Regional Friday night at UCLA.

The winner will play the victor of the No. 1 UCLA vs. No. 14 Arizona State match in the Regional Championships on Saturday. The winner of that game then advances to the Final Four in Albuquerque, N.M., the following weekend.

BYU (28-3) lost a thrilling four-set home match to USC (21-8) in last year's first round. The Cougars remember the disappointing loss.

"We can't wait," senior hitter Shannan Skidmore said. "We're going to practice our heads off and we're going to give them a great game. Any team can be beat at this stage and we need to keep our confident attitude. We know how to play them."

In the first-round, BYU beat Santa Clara and USC defeated Cal-State Northridge. Both matches were three-game decisions.

USC finished 12-6 in Pacific-10 play. In conference play, the Trojans dropped matches to both No. 1 UCLA and No. 2 Stanford and split matches with No. 14

Arizona State and Washington State. USC also lost to No. 3 Long Beach State, making five of the Trojans eight losses coming at the hands of the top three teams.

The Cougars finished with a record 14-0 mark in Western Athletic Conference action. All of the Cougars' losses came to top five teams (UCLA, Stanford and Florida).

The match will be broadcast live on KSRR 1400 AM in Utah County and on KMGR 1230 AM in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m.

Universals — Senior Tea Nieminen and junior Michele Fellows were named to the AVCA All-West Region First Team Thursday Skidmore and sophomore setter Charlene Johnson were named to the second team Nieminen leads BYU with 4.84 kills per game and 3 digs per game Fellows adds an average of 3.39 kills, 2.57 digs and 1.04 blocks with a .300 hitting percentage Skidmore is second on the team in both kills (4.11) and digs (3.26) Johnson averages 12.98 assists per game, good enough for fifth in the nation in that category Junior Carol Rawson is first in blocks per game (1.18) junior Tumua Matu'u tops the team in digs per game (3.45).

BYU to host 3 teams in own Cougar Classic

By SCOTT G. CLARK
Universe Sports Writer

BYU will host the 19th Cougar Classic men's basketball tournament this weekend with Santa Clara, Georgia and Southern Utah participating in the event.

The Classic will feature two games Friday and two on Saturday. Santa Clara will tip-off against Georgia Friday at 5:30 p.m., followed by BYU and Southern Utah at 7:30. The Saturday games will match up the losers from Friday at 5:30 p.m. and the winners at 7:30 p.m.

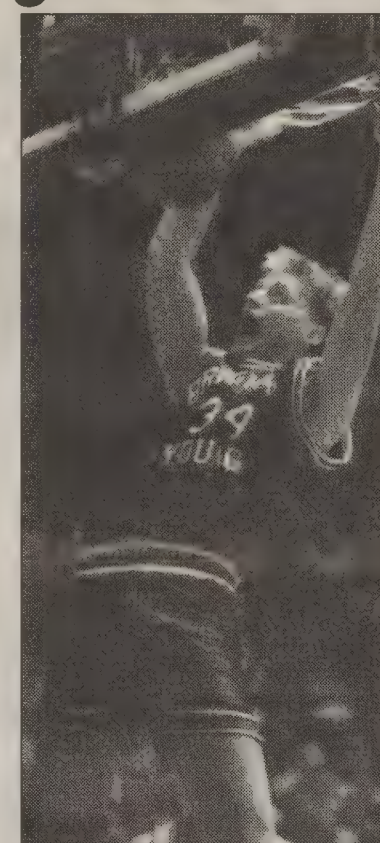
This will be BYU's first meeting with Southern Utah. If Georgia and BYU both win in the first round Friday they will face each other Saturday for only the second time in history. The Cougars beat the Bulldogs 89-82 in double overtime Dec. 29, 1969 for a sixth-place finish at the Quaker City Tournament in Philadelphia.

If Santa Clara beats Georgia and faces BYU on Saturday, it will be the 17th meeting of the two teams. BYU leads the series 12-4.

Southern Utah is 1-0 this season, defeating Montana 60-55 in Cedar City. Senior Richard Barton led the scoring with 22 points. The T-Birds' roster also includes Kurt Bailey, a Timpani High product and UVCC transfer Kyle Christensen. The T-Birds are coached by Bill Evans in his first season at SUU.

Georgia is 1-1 this season, losing to Kansas 76-65 and defeating Georgia College 104-66. The Bulldogs leading scorer is freshman Carlos Strong with 11 points per game.

The Broncos from Santa Clara are 1-1 this season, having defeating San Jose State 71-56 and losing to UCLA 69-60. Both of the Broncos games have been on the road. Senior guard Mark Schmitz is the leading scorer for the Broncos with a career high 20



BYU's Gary Trost slams the ball against Weber State last week.

The Cougars lost in overtime, 83-77. BYU plays in the Cougar Classic tonight and tomorrow in the Marriott Center. Georgia meets Santa Clara tonight at 5:30 and BYU plays Southern Utah at 7:30.

points against San Jose State and 13 points against UCLA.

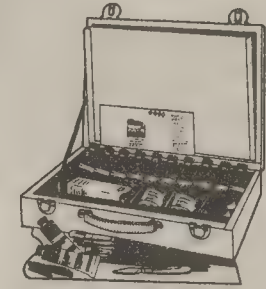
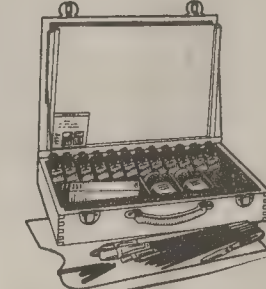
Universals — BYU is the defending Classic champion and has won the tournament 10 times. The Cougars have a 25-9 record in the Classic and head coach Roger Reid has a 5-1 record in Classic competition...A total of 45 different teams have played in the Classic.

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All-WAC player 'kills' opponents

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Michele Fellows first started playing volleyball in ninth grade. Five years later, she was a starting outside hitter on the BYU women's team and earned second team All-Western Athletic Conference honors at the conclusion of the season. The junior captain was named first-team All-WAC on this year's conference championship team.

Thursday, Fellows was named to the WAC All-Western first team. As soon as Fellows experienced the fun, excitement and challenge involved with volleyball and realized the scholarship opportunities tied to the sport, she abandoned her nine-year soccer career and dedicated her time to a new-found love.

Her younger sister, Fellows began playing sports with her twin brother Mark. The height that is in the family didn't hurt, either. Fellows stands at 6 feet 10 inches, while her twin towers over her at 6 feet 5 inches.

Mark helped me form most of my athleticism," Fellows said. "I would always be playing soccer and kick-ball outside. Dad also played a big part. He taught me how to throw a softball and was my first coach. He was always very involved and supportive and encouraged me to do my best."

Fellows played on a basketball team for two years in elementary school and was the first baseman on her brother's baseball team for five years. In her nine years of soccer, she played goalie and center forward. But after Fellows moved on her junior high volleyball team in ninth grade, she realized she had found her sport and decided to concentrate her efforts in becoming a polished hitter.

"After one season I realized how fun it (volleyball) was," Fellows said. "I thought about devoting my time to it and my coach told me about the greater college scholarship opportunities available in volleyball compared to soccer. I quit soccer and began playing club volleyball that year."

Since club volleyball runs from December to July and school teams play from August to November, Fellows was able to play volleyball nearly year-round. The club team featured players from the different schools in Las Vegas and it was here that Fellows first played with her present Cougar teammates — Charlene Johnson, Shauna Scott and Marianne Clark.

The club team traveled to southern California every other weekend for tournaments and games. This team won both the Junior Olympics National Championship and the Davis Festival twice. The latter is the largest volleyball tournament in the world and hosts more teams than any other volleyball gathering.

Fellows started for Bonanza High's volleyball team all three years. The team took state during her sophomore year but placed second both her junior and senior seasons, falling to Johnson and Scott's team at rival Clark High School. Fellows was named a 1989 Volleyball Monthly First Team High School All-American in addition to being a two-year all-stater.

Universities across the nation wanted to sign Fellows, but she narrowed her choice down to two schools; BYU and Nebraska. Fellows ultimately chose BYU because her older brother Steve was here, her twin was coming, it was closer to home and she knew she would not have to play on Sundays.

Fellows played in 13 games her freshman season. "It was a good year to learn what college was like and make the adjustment. College is a step up from high school," she said.

In her second season as a Cougar, Fellows started at the outside hitter position and was co-captain of the 26-5 squad. Because of injuries, Fellows was forced to move into the middle blocker slot a few days before the first match this year.

"I feel like I'm more effective in the middle," Fellows said. "Char (Charlene Johnson, the setter) and I have played together for four years and we 'click.' We each know where the other is going. She brings out my strong points with her setting. She makes me look good; all I do is swing my arm."

Because Michele and Mark, who is serving an LDS mission in Korea, are the youngest Fellows children, Michele's parents have been able to drive up to Provo every weekend for the games. "My parents flew to Texas to watch us play over Thanksgiving and are coming to UCLA for the West Regionals this weekend," Michele said.

Besides volleyball and homework, Fellows enjoys skiing, traveling and being with her family.

"Volleyball at BYU has always received a lot of criticism," Fellows said. "BYU is a top school because of the religion and the volleyball team has been a top 10 program for several years, but they have never made it to the Final Four. I look at that as a challenge and I hope to help the team make it to the Final Four."



MICHELE FELLOWS

Faulk, Jones named 1st team All-Americans

Associated Press

Marshall Faulk and Marvin Jones play on opposite sides of the ball and opposite ends of the country. However, they share a distinction on the 1992 Associated Press All-America team.

(See the Record Book for a list of the team.)

The San Diego State running back and the Florida State linebacker are the only repeaters on the first team, which was released Thursday.

Faulk was the nation's leading rusher for the second consecutive season and became only the second major college player to gain more than 3,000 yards in his first two years.

The first was Georgia's Herschel Walker. Despite missing 2 1/2 games due to injury, Faulk gained 1,630 yards this season and finished third in scoring with 15 touchdowns.

Jones won the Lombardi Award as the country's top lineman and is a finalist for the Butkus Award, which goes to the best linebacker. He led the Seminoles with 111 tackles, including three sacks and seven others behind the line of scrimmage.

Joining Faulk in the backfield are Miami quarterback Gino Torretta and Georgia running back Garrison Hearst.

Torretta is 26-1 as a starter, holds almost every career passing record at Miami and is one victory away from leading the Hurricanes to their second straight national championship.

Hearst was second in rushing with 1,547 yards and first in scoring with 21 touchdowns, which broke Walker's Southeastern Conference record. He averaged 6.8 yards per carry, third among 1,000-yard rushers.

Seven Bitter Boyz decline berth at national tourney

By AMY KUNZ
Universe Sports Writer

Despite having won the BYU men's 4A intramural flag-football championship, Seven Bitter Boyz have decided not to take part in the national tournament.

The champions have the option to go on to nationals and play intramural teams from other colleges. Last year's champions, Seven Angry Men attended nationals, but the Boyz are passing on the opportunity.

Seven Bitter Boyz defeated Rich's Kids 20-13 two weeks ago.

"It was an exciting game decided in the last play," said Shawn McLeod, 23, a senior from Billings, Mont., majoring in secondary education, and the quarterback for the Boyz.

The 4A division is the highest level of competition in men's intramural flag-football, and the championship tournament this year consisted of eight teams and was double elimination.

The championship game began fast as the Boyz scored on the first drive with a short pass caught in the endzone.

"Rich's Kids came right back and scored on their first possession," said Brent Ventura, 23, a senior from Billings, Mont., majoring in civil engineering.

However, the Boyz came back with an exciting 40-yard pass for a touchdown, and Rich's Kids never recovered. The game was close in the end, but Rich's Kids never took the lead.

"This was a great year and ended with some good competition," Ventura said.

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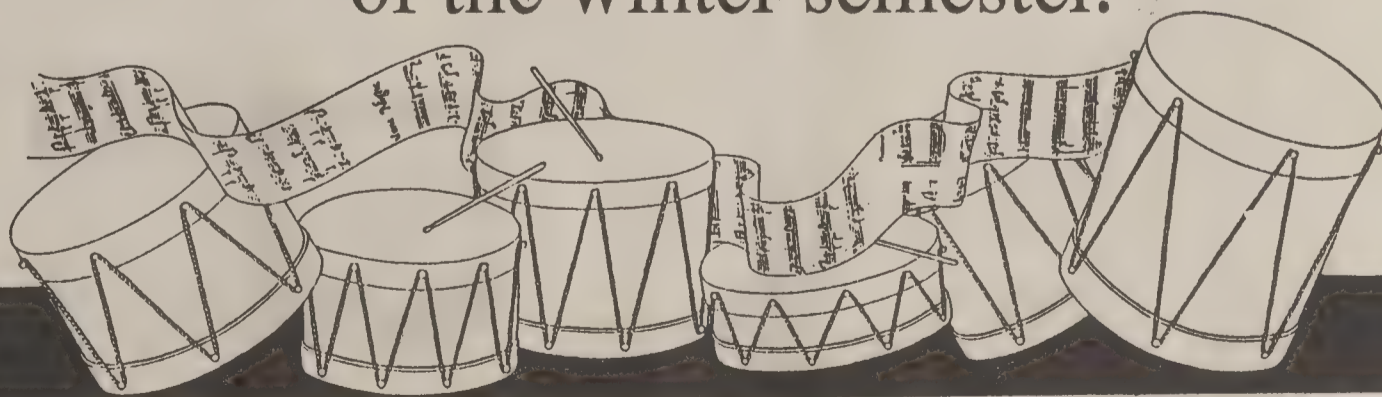
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Kansas to be tough Aloha Bowl opponent

By BRETT JEWKES
Universe Sports Writer

When Kansas plays BYU in the Aloha Bowl, the Jayhawks will bring the nation's 11th-highest scoring offense, an offensive line that allowed only 16 sacks all season and the first-team Big Eight quarterback that — get this — started all 11 of KU's games.

Led by three-year starting quarterback Chip Hilleary, the 7-4 Jayhawks scored 31.8 points per game and finished third in the Big Eight Conference behind Nebraska and Colorado.

After starting the season 7-1, Kansas dropped its last three games, losing to the Cornhuskers 49-7 in Lincoln and then to Colorado 25-18 at home. The Jayhawks third-straight loss came in the season finale 22-17 to 3-8 Missouri.

Kansas coach Glen Mason said he is disappointed at the way his team finished the season, but that he is excited to be playing in the school's first bowl game since 1981.

"I don't like the way the season ended up. I've said that a number of times. But we are going to a bowl game, we are 7-4, we finished third in the conference and there are a heck of a lot of teams that would like to trade places with us," Mason said.

Hilleary has missed only one game in three seasons at Kansas. The 6-1, 185-pound senior's 5,888 yards of total offense are second in KU history and fifth best in Big Eight history. He and Missouri's Phil Bradley are the only players in Big Eight history to rush for more than 1,000 yards and pass for more than 5,000.

In contrast, BYU's Aloha Bowl starter, Tom Young, has only thrown four passes in his collegiate career, completing three for seven yards. Young will start in place of the injured Ryan Hancock, who

went down in the final game of the season against Utah. Walk-on Chris Gulstad will back up Young in Hawaii.

Like BYU, Kansas is blessed with a stable of solid running backs. Jayhawk tailbacks Maurice Douglas, George White, Chaka Johnson and L.T. Levine rushed for 14 touchdowns and 1,441 yards. Douglas is the leader of the group, having rushed for 899 yards on 198 carries.

Cougars Jamal Willis and Kalin Hall rushed for a combined 1,746 yards on the season.

The Jayhawk defense held opponents to 125.7 rushing yards per game in 1992 and allowed 318.7 yards per game of total offense, the lowest average for the Jayhawks since 1981.

Kansas outside line-backer Hassan Bailey is the Jayhawk defensive leader. Bailey's 309 career tackles place the 6-0, 205-pound senior

10th on the all-time KU list. Bailey led Kansas in tackles in 1990 and in 1992 with 84 total tackles.

Jayhawk junior place kicker Dan Eichloff is Kansas' all-time leader in points scored with 238 and was a finalist for this year's Lou Groza Award, given annually to the nation's best placekicker. He hit 38 of 38 PAT attempts this season and 16 of 20 field goal attempts. Three of his four failed field goal attempts were blocks.

UNIVERSALS — Kansas has not played on natural grass since Oct. 13, 1990 when it played Miami at the Orange Bowl Kansas has scored in 34 of 44 quarters this season Mason was an assistant for Ohio State when the Buckeyes beat BYU in 1982 and 1985 Kansas Athletic Director Bob Frederick was an assistant basketball coach at BYU from 1972 to 1975.

BYU and Kansas Regular-Season Statistics

	BYU (8-4)	Kansas (7-4)
First downs	276	236
First downs-rushing	111	142
First downs-passing	145	83
First downs-penalty	20	11
Rushing Att-Yds	474-1942	563-2753
Pass Comp-Att-Int.	222-405-19	118-249-13
Passing yds	3575	1793
Total Off. Plays-Yds	879-5517	812-4346
Punting Yds. Avg.	58-2404-41.5	55-2234-40.6
Fumbles-Lost	29-16	16-12
Penalties	76-674	84-660
Third Down Conv.	74-170	68-161
Third Down Conv. Pct.	.435	.442
Time of Possession	29:44	28:28

Cougars beat Beavers on road, 74-60

By JENNY SIDDOWAY
Universe Sports Writer

The Cougar women's basketball team took a 74-60 road victory over Oregon State in Corvallis on Thursday.

BYU, the Western Athletic Conference coaches' preseason pick for the conference title, improved to 3-2 with the victory while the Beavers dropped to 3-1.

The Cougars took a 40-27 lead into the locker room at halftime then played the Beavers evenly to secure the win. BYU shot 60 percent from the field while building its 13-point halftime advantage, compared to 33.3 percent shooting for the home team.

Even though the Cougars cooled off in the second half, they finished by connecting on 27 of 54 attempts for a 50-percent outing. BYU also shot 81.8 percent from the line. Oregon State finished shooting 38.8 percent from the field and 76.9 percent from the line while attempting 13 more field goals than the Cougars.

While both teams committed 27 turnovers, the Beavers collected 16 steals to the Cougars' 15.

BYU was led by Debbie Dimond with 20 points. Nikki Eyre added 13, Thais Kidd scored 12 and Tomika Young had nine steals, five assists and seven boards.

Tanja Kostic scored 14 points and pulled down 11 rebounds for the Beavers.

BYU finishes its Northwest road trip with a game against the University of Portland (1-4) on Saturday at 5:15 p.m. PST. The Pilots are led by freshman Lisa Williams, who averages 12.2 points and 6.8 rebounds per game from the guard slot. The Cougars play at Weber State on Tuesday before hosting the University of Pacific on Dec. 19 in the Marriott Center.

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Stockton's 16 assists help Jazz dust Bullets

By CRAIG NELSON and Associated Press

The Utah Jazz' big guns shot down the Washington Bullets at the Delta Center Thursday night, winning 112-96.

After putting together a hot and cold first quarter, John Stockton and Karl Malone led the Jazz to a 38-24 second quarter, pulling the Jazz out to a 65-55 lead at halftime.

"In the second quarter we started looking at where we had mismatches underneath," said Karl Malone. "Then Stockton and (David) Benoit hit some three's to open it up."

Stockton ended the night with 19 assists and 17 points, including three 3-pointers. For you hockey fans, that means Stockton had his hand in 55 of Utah's 112 points. Karl Malone ended up with 33 points and 9 rebounds.

"I feel like we're coming together," said Utah head coach Jerry Sloan. "The full intensity isn't yet there for the full 48 minutes and we're going to need it. But I told the guys a couple games ago that we're starting to come together."

"Karl was too tough for us. We didn't have anyone who could stop him, but there aren't too many people in the league that can stop him," said Bullets forward Harvey Grant.

Jazz forward Larry Krystkowiak stepped up and scored his season-best 16 points. Tyrone Corbin, who has been starting in the shooting guard spot while Jeff Malone is out with a sore back, hauled in 13 rebounds and 14 points. David Benoit, starting for Tyrone Corbin, shot 7 for 9 from the field, including 2 of 2 from behind the 3-point line and 2 for 2 from the free throw line to score 18 points.

Utah outrebounded Washington 50 to 39, and held the Bullets to just 44 percent shooting for the night.

The Jazz improved their home record to 5-4, 11-7 on the season. Their next game is Saturday at the Delta Center against former Jazz players Blue Edwards, Eric Murdock and Fred Roberts, along with the rest of the Milwaukee Bucks.

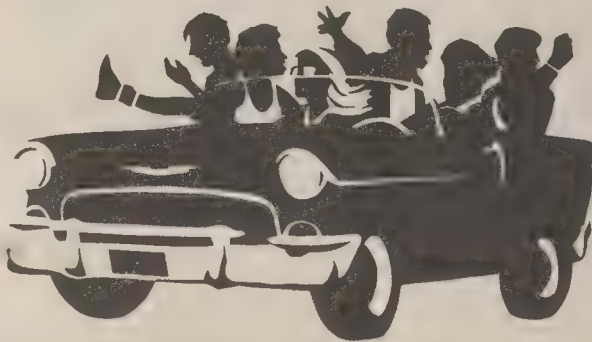
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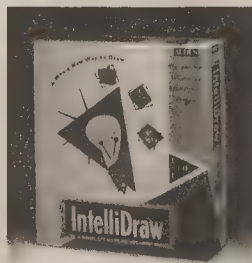


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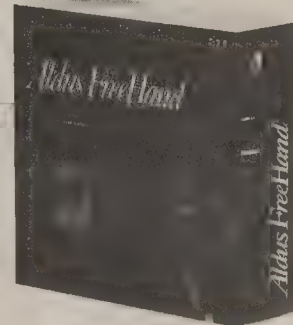
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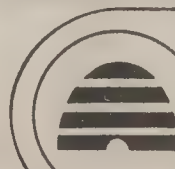
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Holidays: hard work, stress for Christmas tree growers

By CRAIG NELSON
Universe Staff Writer

Christmas trees help all of us get into the feeling of Christmas. But that may not be completely true for the people who shape, shear and ship them to where we can buy them.

"It makes me very tired," said Mrs. Don Clicker of the Clicker Christmas Tree Farm in Walla Walla, Wash. "We have roughly 25 days to do all of our business. We start harvesting our trees just after Thanksgiving, and it's highly intensified labor. By December 24 most of us are ready to die."

"Our whole year is based on a four-week period," said Jim Lucas, president of Lucas Trees, Inc. located in Winlock, Wash. "To be honest, it kind of takes the edge off the Christmas spirit for most of us. It is intense work to harvest and get the trees on the trucks on time. We almost don't want to ever see a Christmas tree again."

Despite the rush and intensity of getting the finished product onto a lot, most Christmas tree growers enjoy their business. Unless you're serious, though, growing Christmas trees isn't as easy as it sounds. "Six to seven years ago the business looked lucrative," said Lucas. "People were thinking that all they had to do was stick a tree in the

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Most Christmas tree farms buy the trees as 2-year-old, 6- to 12-inch seedlings from nurseries or other growers.

"Christmas tree growers look for different genetic growth characteristics," said Bob Schaefer, general manager of Noble Tree Farm located just northwest of Salem, Ore. "We look for trees with slow growth, with more branches-per-foot of growth."

Schaefer said that one of the benefits of growing Christmas trees is utilizing ground which is infertile for anything other than trees. Although growers try to pick fertile soil, many of them are planting on the sides of mountains—areas not commonly used for other crops.

Once the 1-foot seedlings are planted, the long process of shaping and culturing the trees begins. "After allowing the trees to grow

for two years, we start shearing them, cutting them, shaping them like a cone," said Clicker.

"By the third year we start shearing the Douglas fir and hand-pruning and culturing the noble fir," said Lucas. "Culturing means we use a knife to shear them into a symmetrical shape. We also hand-prune with clippers."

The process of growing and shaping the trees can take anywhere from six to nine years.

"The first few years the trees grow 3 to 5 inches," Schaefer said. "After that they grow about 1 foot a year."

Once the trees are grown, they are harvested, sorted and shipped. Growers have expanded their markets internationally.

Growing varies from field to field. In sites where the soil is good and there aren't any bugs, a tree may cost the grower as little as \$5. Other sites with weed and insect problems hike the cost of growing one tree to as much as \$12.

Another important aspect of Christmas trees is the type of tree. There are Douglas fir, noble fir, blue spruce, white fir, red fir, Scotch pine and Austrian pine, just to name a few.

"Noble fir is the Cadillac of the industry," Schaefer said. "Whereas Douglas fir is the Chevrolet."

One grower warned consumers to watch out for painted trees. Apparently the Scotch pine, primarily grown in the Northeast, tends to yellow. Growers will spray-paint the trees green in the summer and allow the weather to fade the paint and make the tree look natural.

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Take off the tinsel and recycle the tree

ANNA JENSON
Universe Staff Writer

Christmas tree recyclers are about to act once the tinsel is down and lights are packed away.

Kewartha, executive secretary of Provo Public Service, said the organization drives through the city and picks up old Christmas trees that are placed on street curbs after Christmas. She said the organization will recycle the trees, as well as yard and lawn clippings, by turning them into compost.

The service is mainly for the City of Provo, she said. They focus mainly on residential areas.

Students living on campus dormitories or off campus in apartment complexes are required to take their tree out of their apartment before they leave town for the

holidays.

Trees placed near garbage areas on campus or by service areas around the dorms will be taken by the grounds crew, recycled and used as compost around campus, said Roy Peterman, BYU grounds manager.

Ellen Foster, manager of Branbury Park, said they suggest, but do not require, that their tenants throw away trees before they leave. Students should put the trees in the complex's trash bins or put them near the road to be collected, she said.

Elizabeth Holder, Mary Fielding Smith Hall president, said students living in the dorms must get rid of their trees before leaving. David Hunt, assistant director of Housing Services, said this is because of the fire safety code.

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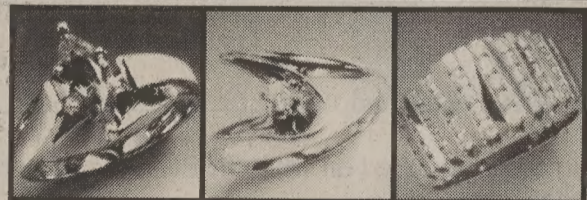
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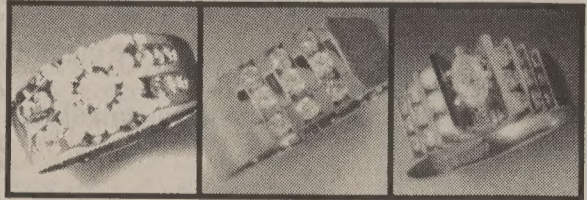
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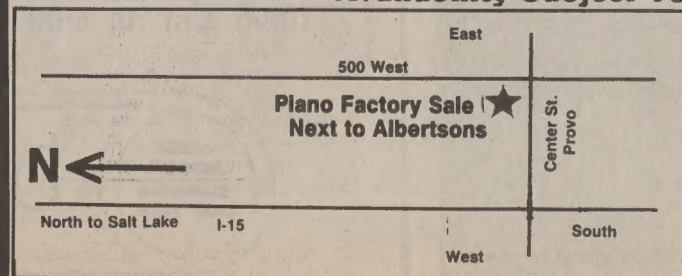
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Christmas changes with college

New holiday traditions based around students' lifestyles

By LISA GROVER
Universe Staff Writer

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, decking the halls, waiting for Santa Claus and even a partridge in a pear tree are Christmas traditions for many BYU students.

But many of those same students are finding that the college experience brings not only changes in lifestyles, but changes in holiday traditions as well.

With the frantic hurrying the semester's end brings, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season often gets pushed aside.

"School pressure takes away from that holiday feeling," said Jason Patterson, 22, a junior from Las Vegas, Nev., majoring in statistics. "Decorating takes time and money and I don't have either of those things."

Students also find that some of their beloved holiday traditions observed religiously when they were children have become relaxed.

Janna Taylor, a 21-year-old junior from Upton, Mass., said she and her sisters used to leave their shoes on the porch every New Year's Eve for Mother Goose to leave candy inside, a tradition gradually

abandoned as Taylor and her three sisters got older. "It's kind of sad because New Year's Eve isn't that big of a deal for a lot of Mormon families. It was nice to have something to look forward to," Taylor said.

Despite families becoming more relaxed about observing long-held traditions, many students find ways to be happy with the changes in the way they observe the holidays.

Jennifer Nichols, an 18-year-old freshman from Sacramento, Calif., said she is enjoying her first "white" Christmas. She also enjoys watching her younger brothers and sisters get excited about the holidays.

"My younger brothers and sisters think that it's a pretty big deal to give gifts; it makes the season a lot more fun," Nichols said.

Many students, even those who miss old traditions, find that the holiday season with a more mature family has its benefits as well.

"Every year we dress up in white, like angels, when we decorate the Christmas tree. When we're done we stay up late and talk about what it was like before we came to earth. I hope I don't miss it this year," said Ben Cloward, 18, a freshman from Cedar City.

Low-fat foods keep the holidays jolly

By IRENE CHEN
Universe Staff Writer

Santa might have avoided stomach-aching his bowl full of jelly by reaching for candy canes instead of cookies.

"It's better to have a piece of hard candy than something with high fat," said Eileen Collyer, a Mountain View Hospital dietitian. "Fat takes longer to digest and is more likely to stay with you." Jolly holiday eaters can maintain health and cheer by monitoring fat intake and avoiding overeating, Collyer said.

Students who eat more in winter with the intent of losing it in spring slow their body's metabolism and make it harder to lose weight, said Jody Gibbons, a Utah Valley Regional Medical Center dietitian. "If you pork out this time, you're more likely to do it next time. If you keep gaining and losing weight, your body will adjust accordingly and hold on to fat as a defense," Collyer said.

People shouldn't deny themselves yuletide goodies, but should modify eating behavior, instead, Gibbons said. "If you tell yourself you're not going to eat something you want, you'll feel like you're selling yourself short and overindulge," she said. "Go ahead and satisfy that

craving with a couple of bites. Choose what appeals to you very first. If you talk yourself out of it, you'll go back later."

Healthy options include baked potatoes without butter or sour cream and green salads (compared to Jell-O or cream salads). People should avoid creamy soups or deep fried foods and drink lots of water, Collyer said.

Other suggestions include creating new family traditions that don't include food, such as caroling or visiting elderly people, to get away from the temptation of eating.

"Stay active during the holiday season and get out and away from food," Gibbons said. "Instead of giving goodie plates, give a poinsettia, movie or basketball tickets or a book. That way you won't be tempted to eat treats while making them." Holiday hosts are encouraged to have low-fat alternatives for guests. Suggestions include pretzels, popcorn, relish trays and cut fruit with vanilla yogurt.

"We live in a gluttonous society. We need to adapt our eating habits to maintain health and well-being," Gibbons said.



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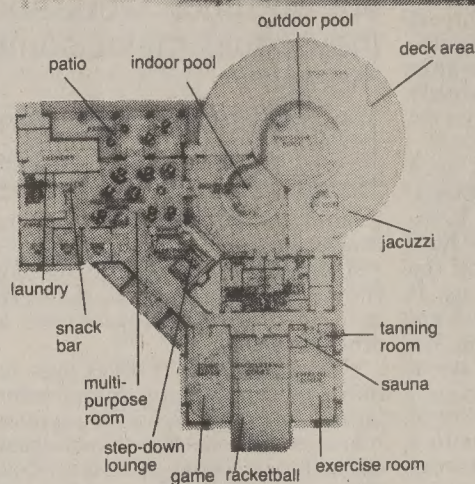


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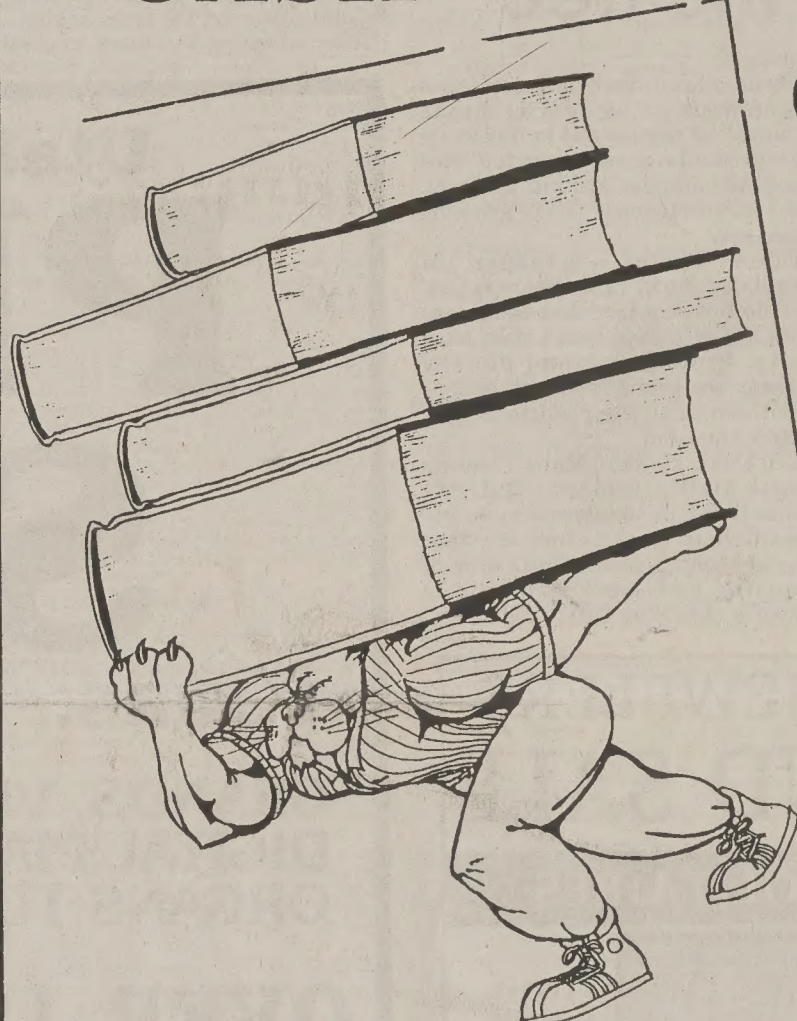
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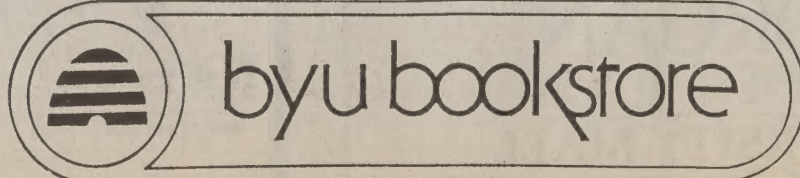
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